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DR. SHEPARD'S MASTERLY PLEA FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

VARIEGATED PROBLEMS OF THE RACE

Hearty Endorsement at Hands of Washington's Best Citizens—Durham's Wizard Honored Guest of Community—President Taft to Visit School.

(Thompson's National News Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3.—Last Tuesday was "Dr. Shepard Day" in the District of Columbia.

The "freedom of the city" was given without reservation to the brilliant young exponent of the new propaganda of religious education. Right royally did he wield the scepter placed in his hands.

A luminous chapter has been written into the history of the thought and action of the men and women who "do things" in this community. They have experienced a thrill and an inspiration that have made them better and stronger because of their contact with the magnetic president of the National Religious Training School, which has the thriving city of Durham, N. C., for its habitat.

Dr. Shepard Impresses Bethel Literary.

Emphasizing the fundamental and far-seeing value of religious education as the primary solvent of the race's variegated problem, Dr. James E. Shepard addressed a large and thoroughly representative audience Tuesday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, under the auspices of the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. His subject, "Religious Training the Hope of the Negro Race," was handled in a masterly fashion. Dr. Shepard was warmly received and was frequently applauded throughout his well-knitted argument. At the conclusion of the powerful deliverance he was accorded an ovation that made the welkin ring, compelling repeated acknowledgments at the hands of the speaker. He was presented with a beautiful bouquet of Queen Beatrice roses, containing 100 choice buds, the gift of Mr. Jesse Powell, manager for F. J. Kramer, Washington's leading florist. Dr. Shepard's hearers were made up of the bone and sinew of the nation's capital, and the rare quality of his message was best attested by the close attention that was given to it from beginning to end. Introducing the speaker, Hon. John C. Dancy paid a glowing tribute to the man and his work, and described the marvelous progress that had been made toward building up a Negro "mecca" at Durham on a spot that two years ago was an untouched field—now tense with a throbbing activity that betokens everlasting goo dto the race.

Earnest Plea for Religious Training.

With "Religious Training the Hope of the Negro Race" as a text, Dr. Shepard pointed out the necessity for "foundation work" as a prerequisite to permanent progress, and argued convincingly that only through an education based upon the Bible, with its Christian precepts and the universal application of the Golden Rule, can permanent advancement be made along any line of human endeavor.

"Make the man first," said Dr. Shepard, "and he can be depended upon to make a living."

"Christian education," continued he, "will develop a new standard of efficiency in all walks of life. It will evolve practical lessons of work and induce a realization of the true dignity of labor. It will insure the right control of capital and guarantee honest dealing with the man who must earn his bread in the sweat of his face. It will bring new ideals and alleviate race prejudice. It will life up the man farthest down and inspire sympathetic co-operatio nin the soul of the man on the mountain top. Above all, Chirstian education will produce unselfish leadership—the one thing needful to the Negro millions now groping in the dark throughout this land of ours. Let us not forget the divine injunction, 'Seek ye first the iKngdom of Heaven, and all else will be added unto you.'"

Keeping the Goal in Sight.

Dr. Shepard told of "the greatness that was Greece and the pomp that was Rome," and emphasized the truism that mere culture and mere wealth do not make enduring happiness or lasting prosperity.

"Reliability, loyalty, freedom to grow spiritually and morally and to follow the bent of God-given talents, unrestricted by hampering laws or unjust customs, will work a moral revolution in any land. America was founded, not for commercial exploitation, but on the desire of the Puritan fathers for religious liberty. Wealth, the higher education, manual skill and the arts and sciences came afterward—a natural development."

Emotionalism was described by Dr. Shepard as a Negro characteristic. "Is it not the part of wisdom," asked he, "to control and direct this precious asset, to the end that good and not harm will be done by the natural exuberance of our racial spirit? There can be no accomplishment worth while without emotionalism, for enthusiasm is born of emotionalism. That we must have, but it must be controlled by powers derived from Christian education—self-control, self-mastery and intelligent direction of our energies."

Concluding, Dr. Shepard quoted from Sidney Lanier's immortal verse—

"As the marsh-hen secretly buids in the watery sod,
Behold I will build me a nest on the greatness of God;
I will fly in the greatness of God as the marsh-hen flies,
In the freedom that fills all the space 'twixt the marsh-hen and the skies;
By so many roots as the marsh grass sends in the sod,
I will heartily lay me hold of the greatness of God!"

A Brilliant Program Presented.

Mr. A. D. Washington, Bethel's energetic chief executive, presided with dignity and firmness. Associated with him on the platform was a coterie of leaders, typical of the ministerial, educational and professional and business life of the District. A fine musical program was presented, embracing folk-songs by a young ladies' chorus from Miss Nannie H. Burroughs' National Training School at Lincoln Heights, D. C., and selections, classic and popular, by the well-know Amsterdam Orchestra of ten pieces. Among the songs that particularly impressed the great audience was "The Negro Has Fought Every Battle but His Own," led by Miss Ophelia Porter, of New Orleans, La. The song was composed by Miss Burroughs, and it never fails to produce a telling effect.

Dr. Thirkield's Ringing Endorsement.

Following Dr. Shepard's masterly presentation of the plans and purposes underlying his propaganda, Dr. W. P. Thirkield, persident of Howard University, delivered a supplementary address in support of the educational system advocated by the speaker of the evening. He drew upon the history of ages to prove that at the bottom of all permanent development there must be a basis of the principles laid down in Holy Wrti and a fervent recognition of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Dr. Thirkield predicted a glorious career for the National Religious Training School at Duhma, the workings of which he had observed very closely during an exceedingi ypleasant and profitable visit to the school last year. It was a kinsman of Howard in its religious aspect, and he was proud to own such a high-purposed relation.

Former Commissioner of the District, Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland; Register G. C. Napier, Archdeacon W. George Avant, of North Carolina; Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Dr. C. W. Childs and Rev. I. N. Ross sat upon the platform, also voiced hearty approval of "the Shepard idea." Upon motion of Editor W. Calvin Chase, of the Washington Bee, a vote of thanks was tendered the distinguished speaker and to the musicians who had assisted in making the evening an enjoyable one. Dr. B. F. Watson invoked the divine blessing and Dr. M. W. Clair pronounced the benediction.

The National Religious Training School and its peerless founder, have been tnthusiastically endorsed by the substantial citizens of Washington, the capital of the greatest of nations, and recognized as the most critical community between the oceans.

Dr. Shepard "Dined" at True Reformers' Hall.

Prior to the big meeting at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church Dr. Shepard was taken on an extended sight-seeing tour of the City of Magnificent Distances, and was then the guest of honor at a delightful dinner in the main auditorium of the True Reformers' Hall, tendered by fifty of Washington's progressive men of affairs. It began promptly at 5:30 o'clock. Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department, made an admirable toastmaster, his introductions being unusually felicitous and tinctured with characteristic humor. The speeches, all of a high order of excellence, and abounding in commendation of Dr. Shepard's unselfish, painstaking and productive labors for the race, were as follows:

Address of welcome, Hon. James A. Cobb, United States District Attorney.

"Freedom of the City," Judge Robert H. Terrell.

"Religion," Rev. I. N. Ross.

"Education," Prof. Kelly Miller.

"The Hope of the Negro Race," Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds.

"The Press," Hon. Ralph W. Tyler.

"Home Environments," Attorney Armond W. Scott.

"The Ministry," Rev. M. W. Clair.

"The New Propaganda," Prof. George William Cook.

"The Legal Profession," Hon. W. H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States.

To all of the lavish enconiums Dr. Shepard responded gracefully. His life, a simple one, was not given to many social entertainments, but for this whole-souled extension of hospitality—the first of its kind he had ever accepted—he was profoundly grateful. He was deeply touched by this evidence of support of the work to which he was devoting his life, and it would ever be a source of encouragement when difficulties haunted his pathway.

Music was furnished by the Amsterdam Orchestra. The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and sparkling canrelabra, and each gentleman wore a crimson boutannaire. The committee, to which the success of this elaborate function is due, was made up of W. Calvin Chase, chairman; R. W. Thompson, secretary; W. Sidney Pittman, treasurer; John C. Dancy, Armond W. Scott and Thomas L. Jones.

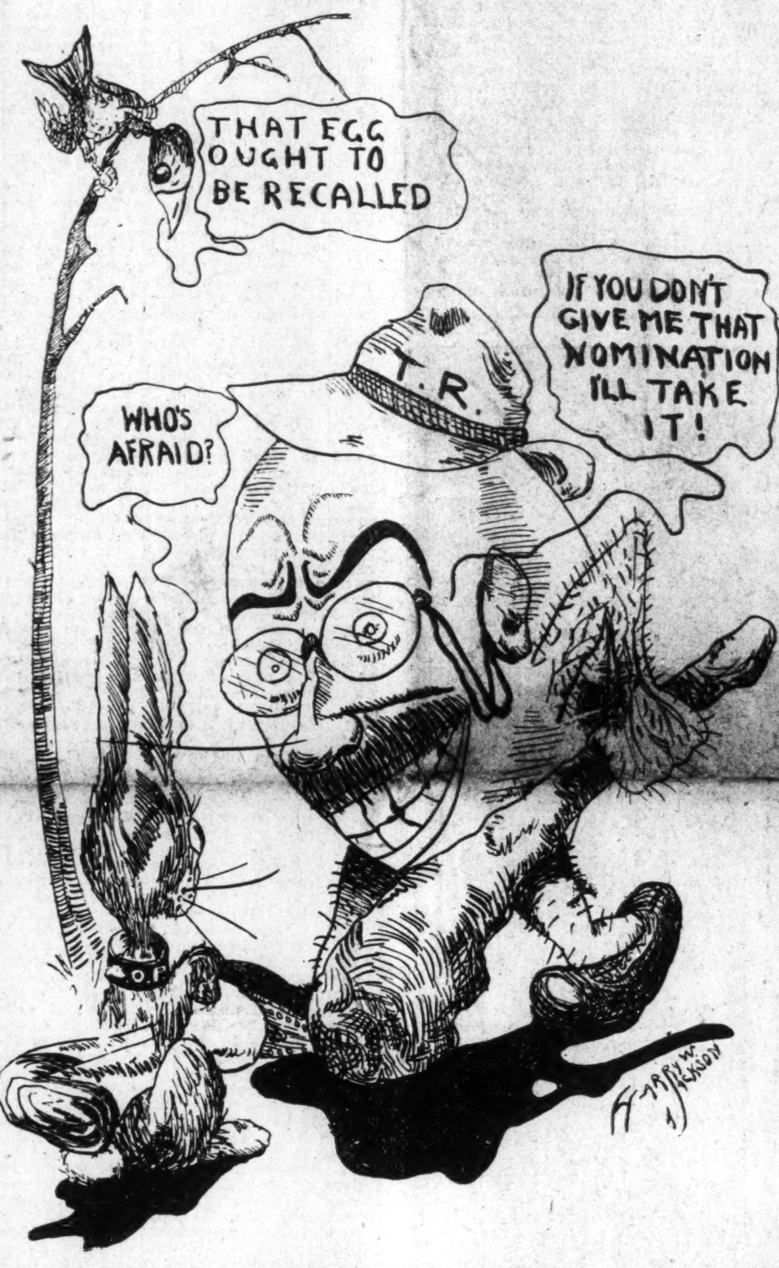
The guests, aside from those already mentioned, were: Prof. R. C. Bruce, Rev. T. J. Brown, Dr. C. W. Childs, Dr. G. W. Cabaniss, W. J. Curry, W. Calvin Chase, Jr.; J. Henry Lewis, Walter S. Crouse, Edward L. Scott, Dr. Charles E. Lane, J. B. Loftis, Jabez Lee, George H. Lee, M. C. Maxfield, Dr. Charles H. Marshall, Hon. James C. Napier, J. Moria Saunders, H. C. Tyson, George C. Scurlock, A. N. Scurlock, A. D. Washington, Thomas Walker and others.

Special guests were Archdeacon W. George Avant, of the Eastern District of North Carolina, Protestant Episcopal church, and Mr. C. C. Amey, general manager of the Durham Textile Mills, Durham, N. C.

Dr. Shepard at the White House.

While in the city Dr. Shepard paid a visit to the White House and held an interesting conference with President Taft. The latter cheerfully accepted an invitation to visit the National Religious Training School at Durham some time this or next month in connection with a brief tour of the South he is to make about that time. This is regarded as a signal victory for this promising institution, and another proof of the strong hold the principles of the school have taken upon the thinking people of the land. The President's visit will be a "red-letter event" in the history of the institution.

A BAD EASTER EGG.


THAT EGG OUGHT TO BE RECALLED
IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME THAT NOMINATION I'LL TAKE IT!
WHO'S AFRAID?
T.R.
G.O.P.
HARRY W. JACKSON

E. T. C. ANNUAL AFFAIR.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Special.

Friday evening, March 29th, the young ladies of the E. T. Club gave their third Annual Party at Jacoby Hall. There was twenty-four couple present and it was one of the swellest of the season. The programme consisted of twenty numbers of the light fantastic, which was enjoyed by all. Light refreshments were served between the intermissions. Those present from out of the city: Mr. Veron Babb, of Chicago, Ill., Mr. T. Thompson, Miss Blossom Barton, Mr. Loomis and Mr. Harry Lewis, of Springfield, Ill., Miss Gladys Page, of Peoria, Ill., Misses Jessie Jordon and Alice Lee and Mr. Elis Johnson, of Champaign, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore Headley, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chaldwell, Mrs. Wallace Walker and Mrs. Matthew Stearles, all of Bloomington, were patrons for the evening. The members are the Misses Mabel Hawkins, Leora Walker, Alverta Duff, Blanche Hoagland, Edna Stearles, Clara Hawkins, Monico Harris and Margrie Stuart. After the last number, congratulations were extended to the young ladies for such a delightful assembly.

Miss Edna Stearles entertained at her home Saturday evening in honor of the guests who were in the city to attend the E. T. C. Party.

The guests who were in the city to attend the E. T. C. Party, Friday evening, were entertained at the home of Miss Leora Walker, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. P. Daff has not improved.

The Lincoln Protection League will meet at the rest rooms every Thursday eve. Come out and help make it a success.

The annual sermon was preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday at 3 p. m. by Rev. Bailey, of Mt. Pisgah Baptist church. The speakers were Rev. George Hoagland of the Christian church and Rev. Bundy.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. O. Taylor, of Bloomington, Ill., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. S. Taylor and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Pate has returned home to Chicago, Ill.

Mr. A. Campbell Jr. is on the sick list.

Mr. W. Lewis is running a barber shop with his wife as assistant barber. Mrs. W. Lewis is the first woman barber that ever was in the city of Centralia.

Mr. Ed Tayloh is having a grand success with the children's Sunday School class, of which he is teacher.

Rev. Allison preached a wonderful sermon last Sunday.

It is said that there is a man living here by the name of S. T., who can stand more punishment than Jack Johnson. He is a coal miner. He was going to his work Monday, April 1st and as he crossed the S. C. R. R. crossing, the engine struck him, throwing him fifteen or twenty feet in the air and fell on the ground. Those who saw it thought he was dead and ran to his assistance, raised him up and got him on his feet. They were making arrangements to take him to the hospital, when he spoke and said, "never mind, I will go on to work, if Jack Johnson can stand such bumps as that, and then run his auto ten minutes later, he is a wonderful man."

The C. W. I. Club met at the home of Mrs. Nellie Bihbs, and only a few members were present, owing to the inclemency of the weather. A very pleasant afternoon was spent.

Mrs. M. J. Faston, of Owensboro, Ky., spent last week here visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. Porter. She returned home Tuesday, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss T. Bernice Porter.

Prof. W. R. Harding, Miss B. Claybook, Mrs. M. Porter are attending the southern Illinois Teachers' Association at Mt. Ve rnon, Ill.

Mr. Odiver Barnett anr family have moved to Champaign, Ill.

Fred Ricks is still on the sick list.

Mr. D. Cammon is able to be up again.

MUNCIE (IND.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Century Club met at the Pekin hotel, Monday night, April 1st, to transact business. A few solos were rendered by Mr. H. Thornton, a member of the club. Ice cream was served and a pleasant evening was past off by the members very nicely....The young folks are still preparing for Easter exercises at both A. M. E. and Baptist churches....Literary met Tuesday....Rev. Carpenter is back from conference, but not to stay. There will be a new minister in his place.... Mrs. Benson is much better....Mrs. Marcus Smith is on the sick list this week ....Don't forget to have your eggs ready for Easter....Never before, in the history of the Terminal station were there so many tears shed within a few minutes about 12:30 Monday morning near noon, when eight young men of the city were shipped to Indianapolis on their way to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, where they will receive their first instructions in the service of the United States colored infantry. Mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers and sweathearts seemed to feel very sad over the affair. They were inclined to give way to their feelings to the utmost pitch. The young men enlisted Monday morning. The names of the young men are Arthur Evans, Robert C. Smith, Robert Burton, Artie Smith, Chester C. White, Albert Mitchell, Charles Scott, Clarence Ebatty and Harry Valentine. The boys were accompanied to Indianapolis by Captain Ryan and Sergeant Harrington.

THE LOYAL NEIGHBORS LEADING THE PACE.

Special to the FREEMAN:

The United Loyal Neighbors, the grandest benefit society of modern times, should be congratulated on the rapid growth of the order in the past few months. The order was incorporated by the laws of Kentucky with a charter for a duration of 99 years, and in financial management, gain and provress is leading the pace of many Negro organizations in the United States. They pay the largest sick, accident and death benefits in the country in comparison to the small monthly dues. The society is different from all the rest. Branches of the order are being organized in all parts of the country. In brief it is a good society to belong to and a good society to work for. Any one desiring to become deputy organizer should write to B. F. Johnson, 814 South Seventh Street, Louisville, Ky.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECORD!

THE CORDIAL TREATMENT ACCORDED THE COLORED RACE

A LONG LIST OF APPOINTMENTS MADE

President William Howard Taft has Done Everything Both Personally and Officially to Encourage, Upbuild and Uplift the Negro Race.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Negroes throughout the country have been writing to Washington, to friends and officials, making inquiry as to President Taft's record in so far as it concerns colored people. Whenever a campaign is approaching the demand for records made in Washington increasees. The great number of requests received are burdened with the question, "How many colored men has Taft appointed," and "how many colored men has Taft retained in office," the average colored man, as the average German, Jew, Irish, or whatever race, measuring a president's regard and consideration for his race by the amount of official representation given. Knowing how much the colored people of the country are interested in the president's record in the way of representation given to the race, a systematic and tedious visit to the various departments and bureaus here, has enabled the assembling of colored appointees. Colored men holding office under the present administration are placed under two heads; first, those appointed by President Taft; and secondly, those retained by President Taft. He, however, as politics and administrations run in Washington, must be given the credit not only for those he himself appointed, but those he found in the service and retained. The following are the colored appointees of President Taft:

S. Laing Williams, of Illinois, who held the position of special assistant district attorney, in charge of naturalization, at Chicago, by the refusal of congress to appropriate for such position, was, at President Taft's request, appointed assistant United States district attorney at $2,000 per annum. But for the president's action in his case, Mr. Williams would have been dropped from the government service.

Mr. William H. Lewis, of Massachusetts, holds a like position at Boston at a salary of $2,500. The failure of congress to appropriate for naturalization attorneys, abolished his position, but, as in the case of Mr. Williams, the president caused him to be appointed assistant nited States district attorney at Boston, at the same salary formerly received. Later, as all are aware, the president appointed Mr. Lewis assistant attorney general, at a salary of $5,000 per annum, the highest place in the Department of Justice in which a member of our race has yet attained.

Upon the resignation of John C. Dancy, of North Carolina, as recorder of deeds, Mr. Henry Lincoln Johnson was appointed to succeed him at $4,000 per annum.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott, of Alabama, was appointed one of the three commissioners of Liberia, to report upon the internal conditions and needs of that Negro republic. This position, though while temporary, was one of great honor, and requiring a very high order of intelligence, tact and constructive ability, and his selection evidenced the president's confidence in the ability of the race to furnish equipped men for any position.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Lyons, as minister to Liberia, Dr. W. D. Crum, of South Carolina, was appointed to the vacancy at a salary of $5,000 per annum.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Ellis as secretary of the Liberian legation, Mr. Richard C. Bundy, of Ohio, was appointed to succeed him at $2,000 per annum.

At the direction of Mr. Taft, Capt. W. T. Anderson, of Ohio, chaplain of the Tenth cavalry, was promoted to the rank of major at a salary of $3,600 per annum.

Charles A. Cottrill, of Ohio, was appointed collector of internal revenues for Hawaii at a maximum salary of $4,000 per annum.

Whitefield McKinlay, of Washington, D. C., was appointed colector of customs for the District of Columbia, at a maximum salary of $5,000 per annum.

James M. Alexander, of California, upon executive order, was appointed deputy colector at Los Angeles, Cal., at $1,*00 per annum. This position is under the civil service and in making the executive order, President Taft specifically stated that one of the reasons for making the appointment on executive order was that the colored people of California had not adequate representation in the government service.

Ex-Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, of Louisiana, was appointed to a position in the internal revenue service at New York at a salary of $10 per day, and later was covered in on the order of the president, under the civil service, making his position permanent and not contingent upon administration changes.

W. T. Vernon, of Kansas, was appointed at the president's direction, supervisor of Indian and Negro schools of Oklahoma.

W. D. Johnson, of Kentucky, was appointed to a position in the Department of Agriculture at the direction of the president.

Mrs. Booze was appointed postmistress at Mound Bayou, Miss., at $1,800 per annum.

The positions to which Messrs. Lewis, Cottrill, McKinlay, Alexander, Pinchback, Vernon and Johnson were appointed, are positions not before filled by men of our race, they constituting new places opened to the race by President Taft.

Not only has President Taft dealt generously with the race during the short three years he has been in office, in the matter of appointments, but in the matter of retaining in the service efficient colored officials whom he found in office when he became president, the following list of colored officials retained by him attests to his fixed determination to deal justly with the race in the matter of representation:

R. Terrell, of Washington, D. C., was retained as judge of the Municipal court at $2,500 per annum. James A. Cobb, of Washington, D. C., was retained as special district attorney for the District of Columbia.

Ralph W. Tyler, of Ohio, was retained as auditor for the Navy Department at $4,000 per annum; Charles W. Anderson, of New York, was retained as internal revenue colector at New York at $4,500 per annum; Cyrus Field Adams, of Illinois, was retained as assistant register of the Treasury at $2,500 per annum; Nathan Alexander, of Alabama, as register of the land office at Montgomery, Ala., at $1,500 per annum; General Robert Smalls, of South Carolina, as collector of customs at Beaufort, N. C., at $1,200 per annum; Joseph E. Lee, of Florida, as collector of internal revenue at Jacksonville, Fla., at $4,500; Dr. Henry Furniss, of Indiana, as minister to Haiti at $10,000 per annum.

The eight colored men in the consular service, filling consular positions in foreign countries, were also retained by the president. The salaries of the above enumerated positions, held by colored men under the Taft administration, total $90,000 per annum.

Now in the matter of evincing a deep interest in the progress of the masses of the race, and contributing to that progress by encouraging words, attention has been called to the fact that in the three years Mr. Taft has been president, he has delivered no less than a dozen public addresses urging in strongest language, the most varied, and the best education for the colored race, and demanding that the educational opportunities of the race shall be equal to those enjoyed by the dominant race.

Also attention is called to the fact that when President Taft discovered that the appropriation estimates for the colored schools of Washington were unjustly low, and many per cent. below that for the whites, he wrote the District commissioners, who were appointees of his, that the colored schools must be dealt with equitably in the matter of appropriation and the result is that this year the estimates for the colored schools of Washington, are equal to one-third of the total estimates, which is fair and equitable division based upon school population.

The whole administration of President Taft it is claimed, has been one of deep, sincere and helpful interest in the progress and rights of the race. He has striven to administer his office in such a manner as to conserve the rights of all classes, without impairing the rights of any. The much that he has achieved for the race has been achieved in but three short years.

OWENSBORO, KY.

The many friends of Miss Mary John Fields will be sorry to learn of her illness and hope for her a quick recovery......The Dunbar Club met Monday with Miss Ethel Boyd. Quite an interesting program was rendered, everything original. An original story by Miss Ethel Boyd, an original game by Mrs. S. R. Guthrie, an original love story by Mrs. L. O. Hathaway, an original instrumental solo by Miss Arabella Smith. The prize was won by Mrs. Hathaway......Mrs. B. Lucy Bradshaw is able to be out again after a short illness........Mrs. Alice Sampson continues to keep her bed. We hope for her a speedy recovery......The penny social given by Sam Varian Monday night was quite a success........Miss Opie Richardson is home after closing a very successful year's work at Calhoun, Ky. She has taught there three sessions........Miss Madaline Crump left Sabbath morning for Frankfort, where she will attend school at Normal Hill........Mrs. Hattie Richardson has returned from Fisk University, where she took a six-week review course. ....Mr. and Mrs. Bud Murry are visiting friends in Carbondale, Ill........The domestic science department of the Western School is doing fine work under the supervision of its efficient supervisor, Mrs. S. R. Guthrie........Rev. Coleman of the C. M. E. Church preached an able sermon Sabbath morning at the Fourth Christian Church.

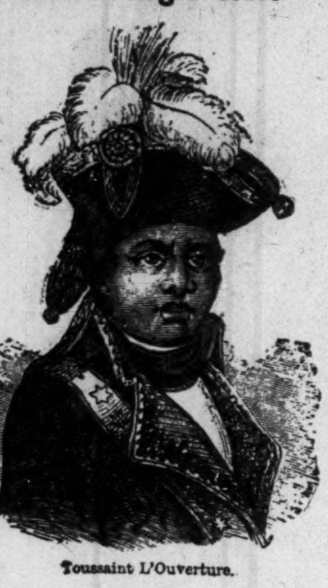
SHELBYVILLE, KY.

Mrs. C. C. Wakefield was in our city this week on a visit to the Women's Home Missionary Society........Mrs. J. E. Givens of Louisville lectured at the Baptist Church to the Women's Home Missionary Society and much good was received from her visit and we wish to express our thanks to her and she is welcome whenever she wishes to come back. We wish her much success and may the Lord bless her in her efforts to do good. Rev. George Butler, pastor of the Christianburg Baptist Church, is on the sick list but is rapidly improving........A grand entertainment was given at the home of Mrs. Nettie Smith, Cabintown, for the benefit of the Converts Club of the Clay Street Baptist Church last Friday, March 29. The spirit of the Lord was among them in their efforts........The Home Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Martins on Center street and had a glorius meeting........Mrs. Sarah Hinkle is able to be out again after a spell of sickness........Dick Spencer is ill at his home with the pleuracy..........Mrs. Emma Coolman is on the sick list, but she is improving........Mrs. Polly Croms died Saturday evening at 4 o'clock at the home of her son, James Crooms. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed........Mrs. Emma Logan is still on the sick list, but is slowly improving........ Thomas Anderson is still on the sick list and is in a serious condition.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., THE FURNITURE CITY.

A large audience was present at Odd Fellows Hall last Sunday to witness the first confirmation class of St. Phillips Episcopal Mission........The Glee Club will give an entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall in the near future........Arnett Chapel Sunday School will render their Easter program Sunday at 3 o'clock......The Mite Missionary Society will present their program Sunday, April 28, at 3 o'clock...... Last Sunday evening Dr. Brown delivered a very eloquent sermon to the K. of P. Society........The progress of the race in Grand Rapids is the subject to be discussed by the Right Thinking Afro-American Literary Society in the near future. ....The R. T. A. A. Literary Society elected the following officers for the next three months: President, Ambrose Pendleton; vice-president, Mr. Hall; second vice-president, Maggie Saunders; secretary, Lena Timbers; assistant secretary, Robert Cross; treasurer, Eva M. McConnell.

The Greatest Man on Earth Was A Negro Slave·



Toussaint L'Ouverture.

"First in war, first in peace and first in the heart's of his countrymen," is a well known sentence that the admirer's of our country's greatest President gave him. But Toussaint L'Ouverture was greater than Napoleon as a warrior, the equal of Gladstone in brains, and unsurpassed by any living man in kindness, goodness and generosity to his own race whom he freed from the bonds of slavery. He never saw an army until forty years of age, yet he put to flight the proudest blood of Europe, the Spanish, and sent them home conquered; he fought the greatest country of Europe, the English, and cost that country the lives of fifty-five thousand men and one hundred million dollars; he fought the most formidable country of Europe, the French,(against Napoleon) costing France the lives of forty thousand men and fifty million dollars. The secret of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the worlds greatest Statesman, Soldier and Martyr's success has been revealed by a member of his own family. He claims that it was the Power of Magnetism produced by Toussaint having in his possesion two Loadstones instead of one. More information regarding these wonderful emblems of luck is told in a book entitled:,, The Loadstone, Mother Of Magnetisum" which was originally published to be sold for $1.00. On account of many mistakes of the printer, our readers can secure a copy of this wonderful book ABSOLUTELY FREE WHILE THEY LAST. Totake advantage of this splendid offer address the publishers;

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As an Evangelist and Pulpit Orator he Stands Second to None in the United States Has Built Many Churches and has Done Much for His Maker.

Many comments have been published in the daily press about Bishop A. Mack, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., the national evangelist missionary, and the general world's evangelizer. Bishop A. Mack is a deep thinker and has opened the eyes of many polished scholars on national organizations many years ago. No man living among the Negro race has done more for humanity. He is well esteemed by his race and other races. Bishop Mack is a race man and a great lover of his people. As a gospel sponder he has but few equals.

The Bishop has assisted many students in the various places of learning who are now drawing salaries in various departments. He believes that all churches should have a Bible name and never to be called second and after the names of the streets. Those who name churches ought to have a high ideal. The Bishop is a man of good circumstances, and knows how to handle money and how to spend it. He has settled some of the greatest church divisions—more so than many of his competitors. The Bishop has had in his evangelistic revivals 20,056 converts. He has built fifteen church buildings. Ministers are now in charge of these churches, drawing large salaries and doing great work that the Bishop has toiled and wrought in his services for God and humanity in getting them up.

The Bishop is also a Mason of high order and stands high with the Free and Accepted Masonics of this country. To be a Mason you are known as you are known—that is, that you are known by all and in all countries. You are not only known, but are protected. The Bishop often tells his Baptist associates that they should hold to the title moderator. He says that the high moderator is one that presides over a church meeting or a business meeting. He says that the independent body or church pays their bishop in charge a good salary and the messengers that are sent which make up the general associations or national associations, or district associations. The messengers have no right to vote any of the officers of these various associations a salary, except to those that are employed in the publications, national or state. He also said that the moderators who are elected at these different associations should be changed once a year, so as to give all the brethren a show, because we have scholars in all the departments. The Bishop said that no Baptist minister should be ordained by any association or ministerial conference, for the church calls the ordination council, and the church licenses all ministers and should never give its rights away to gratify any Baptist associations.

The Bishop gets a great many commendations on his sermons by the daily press. He is 6 feet 3 inches in height, weighs 260 pounds and walks as spry as a young boy. He laughs heartily and is sociable to all he meets. He never shrinks back from anything that he undertakes to do. He preaches in his purple robe, and his mantle is trimmed with black silk lace, with stripes on the shoulders of the garb. He appears in all pulpits and camp meetings with this dress.

The Bishop said that the reason there are so many splits among the bodies or church is on account of these contrary notions and evil practices among some of the bishops and churches trying to carry out this bossism. When you get behind the matter you will find that some of the bishops and members are taking advantage of the church, which ought not to be. It is not because they don't know better, but they are ignoring the doctrines and written policy, and it ought not to be allowed in the Baptist Church.

Among some of the things that the Bishop said in taking account of the zealous attempt of our white brother to rob his brother in black of franchise were the following: "Among the political rights that affect all nations or races, whatsoever be their station or rank, none affects their social well being and happiness more than their right of franchise. When you take the right of free voice from a race, you subject them to servility worse than normal slavery, and are sowing dissension, crime and disease that the nation must reek in blood, to the shame and disgrace of jroud America, the far-famed styled home of the free and the land of the brave. This is not following the precept of him that said, 'Do ye unto all men as ye would have them do unto you.' Why send missionaries to the heathens? We need to evangelize America. A just God still lives, and remember him that said, 'Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.' Te man that is so ignorant as to offer such bills should and ought to read the Declaration of Independence, which has been the real glory of this country."

The Bishop said you may notice that any man who offers a bill for Congress or the Legislature is always one to cripple or down the Negro, and they usually have bad luck or some disaster soon overtake them. Those who are guilty of these things should stop, for the almighty God has declared that vengeance is His, and He will see after the chosen ones.

Now we all know that there are two places to go after the soul leaves this mortal clay of ours, and they are Heaven and Hell, and any man will get his reward for the deeds of his dift, which will eather be peace and happiness or eternal damnation, and there will be no departure from either place when one gets there, and no one can cut out others—there will be no difference in the color, for a man's color is honorable, whether black or white.

The Bishop said the good white people of this country ought to be satisfied, for they have everything their way and the Negroes of this country have made many of them rich. But in spite of all that can be said or done Ethiopia is going to stretch forth her hand as a mighty power, for God has spoken it.

Christ has said: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

Bishop Mack is a national man and in great demand, and is sent for from all over the country.

He says: "I want to call attention to some of our Anglo-Saxon white people. When I was in New York City I saw all nationalities—the Negro, the West Indian and the Japs; the Cubans, the Black French, the Jews and other dark nations are to numerous to mention, are not looking to the white people to be their superiors. Neither will they bow down to the white Image that they may set up. I think that all races should be proud of their color. The origin of these trust societies are organized from the pews against Christ and His church; in fact they did all they could to down Christ and his good works. Christ branded them as wolves and the gates of Hell, and he told them they should not prevail.

There is another great wrong in this country which really ought not to be allowed, and that is the trusts. They are against Christianity; they have no respect for the man of Gor nor their commission. They are also against the working man, and give him a salary that is just sufficient to enable him to merely exist, when it ought to give him a living salary. They could do this if they wanted to. The Bishop said there were millionaires hatched out every year from the trust and the king cities that are for trusts are New York, Philadephia and Boston, and the Bishop said he might say in a portion of Chicago, Ill.

And the trusts are the people that ought to be investigated. If they had a soap factory in Hell they would not have grease enough to fry a catfish; all they know is to push the poor working class of whites, and the much oppressed colored man. The way to stop this is to let the working white man and the colored man be tokether as a unit. They are so hard towards the oppressed people that they have no sympathy for them and want to take all the liberty that a poor man has. When the Declaration of Independence allows any man a free speech and a vote, and a lot of men would try to and would rob the people of these few privileges. No man should be robbed of his liberty and his vote and the Bishop cries out against it. It should not be permitted, and the government ought to see to it that this should be set right. I must say that more churches have been built by the funds given by brewery men than any other class of men.

You remember that Abraham Lincoln said in one of his famous speeches that "You can fool all the people some of the time, some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

The Bishop said the trusts of this country, with their business societies and their commercial associations and providence associations, would like to take Christ's place if they could. God says, "I am for you, I am more than all the world against you."

Church of the living God, lift up your hand. Hear with your ears; pray, but watch as well. This injunction comes from Him who guides all things right; men of the living God. Do not, Oh, do not place yourself in the place of Him who has said: "Thou shalt have no other God before me." Remember that Christ, and not men, has become our high priest and king.

After Christ had prayed in dark Gethsemane he died on Calvary's brow, rose from the dead. He partook of the last supper. Ere he departed to his Father he said to the chosen twelve: "Go ye unto all the world and preach my Gospel." And yet, and yet, Oh, sad, sad spectacle! Here are a few men in New York City, Boston, Cleveland, who desire to stop the Cavior, and Oh, judgment, thou hast fled to brutish beast, and men surely have lost their reason.

The Bishop said these were unjust practices. God's word will go marching on, on, on—you can not stop it, for before it falls Heaven and Earth will pass away. The church has the key from Christ, and the decree of Christ to the church is that the very gates of Hell shall not prevail against it, and He tells us to fret not of evil doers, for they soon shall be cut off.

And then the trusts have taken delight in employing people from foreign countries and ignoring their own people from the United States, and of course they will send their money back to their native land, because their interest is there. Then often the trusts cause hard times—they are the individuals who are making hard times, and that is why the people of this country are kicking. It is not the beer and the whiskey and the wine, for they have always been here. These articles are good for health when they are used right, as has been proven by skilled physicians, and by men and women that have had experience, who have drunk the articles for eighty and ninety years. And the merchants and business men also cry out hard times, but here is the secret. The trusts of this country have employed the foreign element, hence they do not spend their money in America like the American working man. There is more money sent to foreign countries from this country than was ever known before, and the trust is the cause of it. The big trust aim and object is to eat up the little fish, when the grand beauty of this country is to allow each man a show.

A great many years ago Bishop Mack organized a local Y. M. C. A. at Louisville, K. What gave rise to this organization was this: Two colored ministers of Louisville went into the Y. M. C. A. reading room to read, and they were asked out by the general secretary, and then a piece came out in the papers, "No Negroes were allowed." Then Bishop Mack called the colored young men to meet at Queen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, and he organized a colored Y. M. C. A. of Louisville, and from this the colored Y. M. C. A.'s began to spring up throughout the country, and then Bishop Albert Mack called a National Convention of the Y. M. C. A.'s of the United States to convene at Louisville, Ky., at Center Street Methodist Church. At this convention he didn't get enough delegates to organize, but he had the plans well published, the constitution was all prepared and ready for adoption by the the orfianization. The officers of the organization were provided in the constitution; that is, a national president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The convention adjourned sine i and Bishop Mack called another national convention, to convene at New Orleans at the Congregational Church. At this National Convention he succeeded in organizing the Colored National Conventions of the Y. M. C. A. of the U. S. A. After a heavy battle with some of the white W. M. C. A.'s and Negroes the national officers were elected. Bishop Mack, of Louisville, Ky. (at that time), was elected president. The convention adjourned from New Orleans, to convene at Memphis, at St. Paul Baptist Church, and the Bishop was re-elected national president. Then he had the organization incorporated with five trustees at Louisville, Ky. At Louisville there was such a howl among some of the Negroes and white Y. M. C. A. after they found that he was going to put up a skyscraper in that city, which would be the headquarters of the Y. M. C. A.'s of the U. S. A. If the jealous people would have let him alone he would have put up a building at Louisville which would have been a credit to the colored people. He had the money men with him and had everything cut and dried to put up this building. He had strong men to sign his credentials. The later Hon. Judge Jackson of Louisville, the later Hon. Henry Tyler, Mayor of Louisville; the later Prof. Bishop John Broadist, D. D. PHD., of Louisville, and the later Bishop T. T. Eaton, D. D. PHD., of Louisville, and the negroes and some of the white men knew he had these strong men for his backers. They went to work and made up false accusations to try and down the Bishop. He published from time to time that the Negro Y. M. C. A.'s would never amount to anything except they came to their manhood and rule and manage their own organizations, for no nation, nor race, can ever rise unless they rise within themselves. The avobe organization cost the Bishop many hundreds of dollars out of his own pockets.

And when he found that he couldn't bring people to that intelligence, he resigned, because he had accomplished his aims and organized a national organization, and then stepped down and out. Then he took up world's evangelist missionary and general evangelizer work.

Now, this national Y. M. C. A. convention that was called by Bishop A. Mack, D. D., gave rise to the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. Professor William J. Simmons, D. D., congratulated him on his ambition, and told him he was going to call a National Baptist Convention in order to get at the true statistics of the colored Baptists. When that convention met, Professor William J. Simmons, D. D., Ph. D., was elected national president, and Louisville, Ky., was made national headquarters of the colored Baptists of the United States. The only thing the bishop criticised about the National Baptist Convention was that it should have been the National Baptist Association. The officers of that association, instead of using the word "president" should have had their resolutions to read "National Moderator and Vice-Moderator and National Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Treasurer" and the word "Constitution" should not have been allowed, because it is not Baptistic.

This National Y. M. C. A. gave rise to the National Medical College, because he knew late Dr. Fitch Butler and the late Professor Wm. J. Simmon, Ph. D., were both his friends, and he knew what they told him. The National Y. M. C. A. gave rise to many other organizations that he will not mention.

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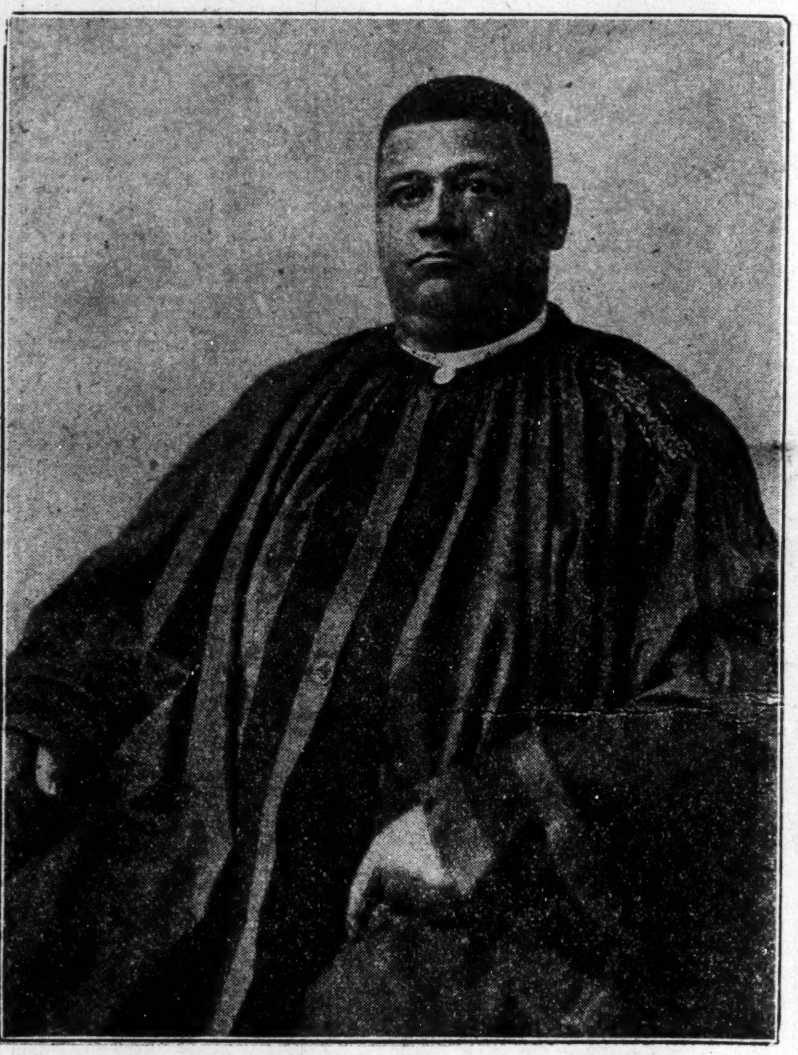

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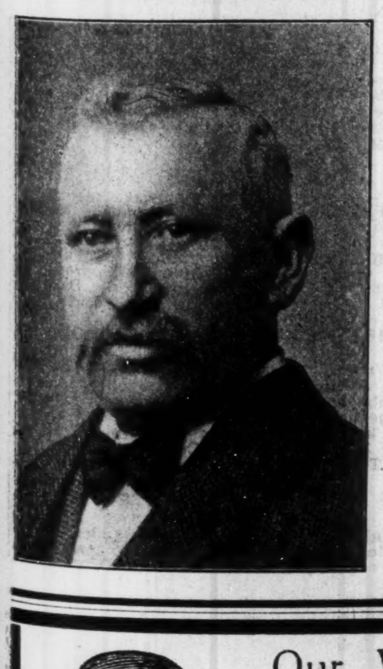

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Talks Interestingly on Cuba, the Garden Spot of the World.

(Concluded from Last Week.)

HAVANA, Cuba. Special to THE FREEMAN.

One sees the old water system and has a long, enjoyable and instructive visit at Vinto Spring, the new water supply of Havana. There is no machinery and no filter, only gravitation. The water is clear and pure, but hard from the limestone, and bubbles from 400 springs.

There are no skyscrapers in Havana, but in the hotels a pump is used to get a high pressure to the upper floors.

We resume our ride past pine apple and tobacco fields, sugar cane plantations and orange groves. Then we pass quaint old towns and queer looking farm houses, from which naked babies wave good-bye with the backs of their hands. We see avenues of royal palms, which once led to mansions, but are all that is left to tell of the glory of bygone days. We pass all kinds of ox teams, with wagons ladened with all kinds of produce. The camera fiends have a feast.

Then we stop at a country fruiterer's, where every body eats pineapples from the stalk as fast as the country folk can pare and quarter them. Even the memory of the taste is delicious! Afterwards we sample little baby bananas and cocoanut milk fresh from green cocoanuts. How we enjoyed it. Even the sticky fingers added to the pleasure.

The guide pointed out the varieties of fertile soil and said that land was very cheap. We were shown mango trees, guara trees, bread fruit trees and the "Cieba," the sacred tree of Cuba, under which Columbus held mass.

After three hours we are back in Kansas, ready for luncheon, and happy in memories.

At night the tourist listens to the band at the malecon (sea wall). He looksk at the wonderful tropical heavens and sees stars that he never saw before. Then he gets an ice and is ready for his cool bedroom. His elaborate bed is without a mattress. Only two comforts cover the closely woven wire springs. The ceilings are very lofty and the walls and paint are white, with tiled floor, making a restful sleeping apartment.

There is a trip to Moro Castle for $1.50 and there are other trips to suburbs. If one has made friends with other tourists he "chips in" for a long auto ride. Some "chip in" as high as $10 each, but I was lucky enough to spend only $5 and again saw the city and other points in the country surrounding Havana.

There are street car rides to the beautiful, fashionable suburbs of Vedado and Marianao, past beautiful one and two-story mansions with their tropical gardens. There are street car rides to other points for 5 cents in American money or 7 cents in Cuban money. One dares not risk his bones in the awning-covered wagons patronized by the Cubans.

One takes walks up the beautiful broad avenues and through the queer, narrow streets. He looks at the monuments in the pretty little parks, hunts remnants of the old city walls and visits the public library and other public buildings, including the markets. Then he visits other hotels and spends the balance of his time in shopping.

Obispo street (Bishop street) is one of the narrowest and most fashionable shopping thoroughfares, and O'Reilly street, about as narrow, ranks second in popularity. As in Paris, shops are not called by the owner's name, but by some fanciful name. All the stores are wide open from wall to wall.

The sights in the streets are interesting. Milk men, on horseback, or on mules, carry the cans in paniers. Each Chinese truck gardener carries a pole across his shoulder, from the ends of which hang great baskets of vegetables. Fruit vendors, peddlers of lottery tickets and other vendors are all busy. It is worth while simply to sit in a cafe and look out at the panorama.

One can read the Havana Post, which is printed in English, or he can purchase American papers at news stands. Both American and Cuban money are used.

On funeral days one views many funerals, very elaborate affairs, with a black hearse surmounted by a gilded angel. The driver is gorgeous in red livery. Behind comes the funeral party in victorias, with sylish-looking coachmen (of all colors). Women never attend funerals in Cuba. If rent is not paid in cemeteries the bones are thrown into a bone pile.

One gets tired of tobacco smoke Every body smokes, even women, while working. There is very little expectorating.

At twilight and after dark the tourist walks around and looks in the open windows. The Cuban home life is open-air life. They only close up doors and windows when it is cold. Screens are sometimes used at windows.

They say that lovers court at the windows, but that they go into the houses also. There is always a third party present. In the parlors the men and women sit facing each other. To every house there is the paved interior court, open to the sky, and often filled with shrubbery. They look very inviting. The green of the palms against the white marble gives a cool effect.

There is no exclusive residence district in Havana. A millionaire's palace is liable to be on any street, wide or narrow.

What do tourists eat? Many are delighted with the highly seasoned Cuban dishes. I did not fancy chicken and rice smothered in saffron, after first eating. I devoured pineapples and I liked milk poured over a dried combination of the white of an egg and sugar. Pineapple juice in water is a favorite drink. All the vanila ice cream looked like frozen custard.

One sees many laughable sights. Cloth slippers without heels are very popular, even with workmen, and many wear no hosiery. Many old colored ladies go likewise, and as they hold up their dresses they certainly attract the attention of tourists.

In Cuba, as everywhere, the lower classes of colored people are negligent about their attire.

In the parks one can always find a group of colored "gents" "argufying." Very few blacks speak English. They do not care to learn it, lest they may be mistaken for American Negroes. In all the hotels and cafes the waiters are white Cubans or Spaniards.

With regret one gets ready for the return to the States. He drives to the dock, where his luggage is fought over by excited colored natives. Inside the building another porter scrambles and almost fights other porters to get your belongings to the counter of the United States custom officials. Some of these officers search to the very bottom of a trunk, even going into the laundry bags. All dresses, waists, etc., are taken out to be appraised for duty in Key West. One is allowed fifty cigars and 300 cigarets for the bona fide use of the passenger. They say that some mean officers have asked ladies to smoke, in order to prove that they were disobeying the United States custom requirement. Each passenger is permitted perfume and toilet articles for the comfort of one's journey.

After inspection all grips and trunks are sealed and put on the "tender," which takes the passengers to the ship. Late comers have the ordeal at Key West.

As one leaves the beautiful harbor, passing the wreck of the Maine, he looks back with longing at the beautiful panorama, almost a heavenly vision. Every tourist declares he will return as soon as he can get the money and I also promised myself the same trip.

SANBENITO, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

David D. Smith, of the Georgia minstrels, was highly entertained while in Dallas, Texas, where the company spent Sunday and Monday. Billy and Louise Kersands were glad to see Little David. A grand old hand shaking stunt was put on. Billy says "Keep your eyes open, boy." John A. Watts is singing better now than ever. The Fort Worth press says that David D. Smith is the hit of the Georgia minstrels. That's going some.

BELOIT, WIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr., George Tyler, of this city, who has been in the employment of Fairbanks-Morse, has left this city for Louisville, Ky., where he will make his home....Mr. A. W. Hoin, of this city, left for Chicago, to stay until Monday; then will return to Beloit....Miss Helen Gustaver Guption, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guption, passed away at about 4:30 a. m. on March 16.

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My Dear Friends:

I am now making my own volunteer statement because this lady has caused me to be so happy. I would like so much

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To Whom It May Concern.

I have always been one of those that did not give any thought of this until about four years ago I had a great trouble and it cost me almost every dime I had, and my mother asked me one day to tell some of this trouble to this woman that we read so much about in our papers. Mother says, "I feel that she can help you." I had to laugh with tears in my eyes, for I was in jail; then finally I said, "Suit yourself; anything now, so I come clear and get out of here." She let this woman hear from her and about me. We never can forget what this woman said in reply. She said in substance, "If you will pray and trust God, I will do the rest." And bless her to-day and forever. I was called to trial, and every witness that could be found spoke in my behalf, and those who did not could not be found. I was returned to jail twice and then set free. Do you blame me for saying she is a power unknown, to help those who seek her aid? I am now doing business for myself and making good. Every month I send her twenty dollars. I have done this for four months, and shall always divide my last dime with her. I am her friend at all times.

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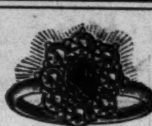

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Brother Roosevelt just as well rise up and move to make it unanimous.

The fact of it is that DuBois is talking about something they are not thinking about.

According to the daily papers Taft and Roosevelt are still getting delegates. It appears that the available supply should be exhausted by this time.

Hon. George H. White, of Pennsylvania has thrown his hat in the ring. He will, however, kindly remember the great precedent. Mr. White will stand for Congress.

The weather has just been incorrigible in these parts. The oldest citizen had nothing to offer on how cold it was when he was a boy. He got a plenty right then and there.

The Taft management believes in taking no chances. Mr. Roosevelt's lesson of how to gather them in four years ago has not been forgotten. "Let no delegate escape!"—the slogan.

We would be extremely foolish to think of DuBois' educational doctrine as something meant by which the masses can escape toil. He would have genius in the world to lighten toil as it has done most notably in recent years.

Our race publications that climbed down from the fence generally landed on the Roosevelt side. Most of them, however, have refused to come down, finding it difficult, as they view it, to decide which is the lesser of the "two evils." It is thought that further along in the campaign the boys will be rearranging themselves in the interest of the G. O. P. as they have been wont to do for lo these many years.

A war wages merrily or otherwise in Cuba over the announcement of R. L. Nelson that he intends to introduce 5,000 United States Negroes to the island of Cuba. The white Cubans are not very enthusiastic over the proposition. The Negroes, however, are jubilant over the prospects. They say that they want us to enjoy their liberty and sunshine. They think they are the best type of Negro extraction in the world, notwithstanding the fact that we claim that same proud distinction.

Governor Woodrow Wilson is having one time of his life in his presidential fight. Its a free for all bout, or a battle royal, but with one object of attack. Mr. Wilson will need to do some very skillful blocking if he comes out of the melee unscathed. He is philospher enough to take courage of the fact that attention centers on him. It may not bring him what he hopes for, nevertheless it means an expression of worthiness for one of the most commanding places in the gift of a people.

The Lafayette, Ind. Negroes said to be at the head of a cult that slew twenty persons in pursuit of its religious practice must have been very skillful in hiding her crimes. Reports has it that the killing took place in Louisiana towns, but under the one direction. The Society is said to hold to the belief that sacrifice is necessary to immortality. Some thirty-five murders are charged, but only recently have the authorities gotten on to the facts. The story is a strange one, almost beyond belief. It is needless to say that the public eagerly expects developments.

Editor W. T. Stead, of the Review of Reviews, London, England, classes Dr. Booker T. Washington as one among the greatest men. Well, measuring greatness by performance, guess the world must conclude that Mr. Washington belongs in the society of the great ones. As a matter of fact , no other one individual has built up so great an educational institution. There are greater concerns, none greater of the kind, however, but they grew up with the genius of a hundred men as it were. Mr. Washington saw the seed of his plant; watered it; saw it flourish and bear fruit. No other man in the world's history has such a claim on the world's gratitude.

The candidacy of Hon. George H. White, of Pennsylvania for Congress is announced. Mr. White will be remembered as the last Negro serving in that body, representing the State of North Carolina. About the time of the close of his term, his State grew very bitter towards the Negroes, who were the Republican party, mainly. White refused to longer make it his home. In the more recent years he has resided in Pennsylvania, where there is but very little anti-Negro sentiment.

Mr. White's candidacy is very favorably considered in Philadelphia, where he resides. Leaders of either race have expressed themselves as pleased with the stand he has taken. What's in store for him will be awaited with anxiety owing to the very unique possibility of having a Negro congressmen.

The trouble about the DuBois educational doctrine is that it is essentially a world message and not a specific. True enough the individuals are reached and touched, but with the object of a general uplift through reflex of the saved individuals. These saved are the master minds who will contrive to lighten the burdens of the world by their ingenuity, as they have been doing. To reduce the general drudgery of the world is his gospel, and also the gospel of every living the thing by way of machinery, even soul. Man or God has been doing the thing by way by machinery even against the will of men who have insisted that the inventions robbed them of employment. And for a little while this seemed true. But their very machines called for a diversity of labor, never known before, and men are better preserved in their physical being and mentally by the use of them.

JURY INVESTIGATES FT. SMITH LYNCHING.

Fort Smith, Ark.—A special grand jury was summoneda few days ago by Judge Daniel Hon, to investigate the lynching early Sunday morning of Sanford Lewis, aged 19, son of a negro minister, of Moffit, Okla., who was hanged by a mob to a street car pole on Garrison avenue, in the heart of the business district, following the shooting of Deputy Constable Andy Carr, who is still alive. Two witnesses were examined by the inquisitors. Before entering the grand jury room they stated the negro did not shoot the officer. Fifty of the representatives and wealthiest residents of the city met and pledged themselves to raise any amount of money necessary to prosecute the lynchers. The city council met this afternoon and named a committee to investigate why the police and fire department refused to resist the mob while it was battering down a window in the negro's cell at the city jail. Mayor Bourland this afternoon suspended Chief Bryant L. Barry, Captain Sam Smart, Chief of Detectives Cathey Pitcock and Night Jailor J. S. Stansberry. The city is greatly agitated.

DuBOIS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Dr. W. B. DuBois is an example of a well educated negro, and just as many white men are well educated. Because a man comes from Harvard and Heidelberg to boot, does not mean that he is prepared for leadership in a general way. DuBois is a specialist and in spite of himself. Whatever he does will be more or less tainted with his cult. The painter or the artist of any kind will show his pursuit above any other pursuit, seeing in it beauties and advantages that he feels to be for the good of human society.

DuBois is essentially a social economist and as such enjoys those things which he thinks make for the ends he has in view. He would better the condition of all toilers, and, of course, incidentally those of his own race. We make a mistake in trying to have him as a leader of the race in the sense of specific helpfulness when his doctrine is to the whole world and which he would better, reducing the hours of labor, reducing too arduous toil that the people preserve themselves to the ends for which they were created. Here is a world wide preachment and yet the story of every hearth since time began—to reruce toil—to reduce hours that the individual may have more time to reflect, to pursue the bent of the mind. This is not a doctrine against work, but one of how to make work appear less formidable than it does.

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We do not see that DuBois differs essentially from Booker T. Washington when he speaks close up on the subject of education. He holds that knowing the job in the sense of recreation is infinitely better than merely doing it. He says, "Look out for the technique of trade; it may be changing—shoe making, carpenters, artisans generally may find that time has meant improvement." The master mind makes the improvement is the contention and a righteous one. It is a plea for the preservation of the master spirit when found. And not as some view it an invitation to abandon work. If the factory burns, the masters only can restore it. Mr. Washington will say as much or any other right thinking man.

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Skill and technique must be kept up, but brains also must remain in the world the speaker insisted . Out of brains come the possibility of technique, and without brains there will be a failure. Speaking in a general way he advanced the thought that there was not culture developed from washing dishes as from studying Latin, nor as much from painting a house as painting the Sistine Madonna. Perhaps these illustrations were unfortunate in that they seemed to strike at race employment rather than an illustration of a culture theme. Individuals of ordinary minds could not or would not see the fine traceries leading up to the expressions. We take it that Prof. DuBois knows how the race is generally employed and would not make reference that he knew would be insulting and also disastrous in event the implied teaching was heeded.

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DuBois said that the white race is in the advance of civilization. The darker races they declare, have not reached their stature. "How will we be able to reach their stature? by washing? by waiting? No; by brains. The only way to competency is through brains and ability. Perhaps he was again unfortunate although uttering an incontestable truth, when he said in his plea for human uplift, that washing was not an uplifting thing. Here was too much of the specific, special injunction, yet not meant that way. Reference to that employment is unfortunate because so many find themselves depending on it. Our audiences are not able to make such fine distinction as is necessary. The illustration stood for the ideal of man, the individual in his best estate possible in a world of ideals which are set and maintained by the rich and prosperous. DuBois' argument is meant to relieve the unrest in the world, making it a more satisfactory place in which to live, and in order to do this the mind must find ways to make less the arduous toil and men must arbitrarily reduce the hours in which the work is done. This is the doctrine of the hearts of all men and which with that other of resignation, cheerfulness, content under conditions is the sanest that man can think on.

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Great as skill gets to be or technique, yet behind this is the still greater mind. This is the higher education—to think—to know—to be, making of a human soul, worthy of our reverence. Here again is the plea for universal man, and no race plea as may be thought.

Then again he said, see to it that not a bit of ability is lost, noted of the boy or boys of your community. Such individuals do not belong alone to the parents; they belong to all, and all should be interested in the utmost development of this ability. Here was a special plea for genius of the race variety when it came along. Experience doubtless has taught him that in the past that we have not been careful enough along the line, permitting loss and waste when it might have been converted into community or racial wealth.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Colonel Roosevelt a Guest of the City—D. D. Smith Insures Easter Excursion—Rev. D. C. Carter, of Midway, and Rev. Silvey in the Evangelistic Field—Roosevelt Club Down at Work—Grim Reaper—Mrs. Anderson Opens Millinery Store.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., April 4.—The largest assembly of people since the inauguration of Governor J. B. McCreery was present to greet former President Roosevelt at the hour between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday. The record was broken with a large gathering of people to see the ex-President, but a few could not hear his speech. For almost a mile and a half the people stood to welcome the Caesar of the Twentieth Century. Mr. Roosevelt threw a few words of encouragement to the Colored Rooseelt Club, which inspired them very much. If the election had been the day he was here and the people here were to decide the national affairs, Mr. Roosevelt would be our next President without a doubt. Autos, cabs, carriages and wagons were all along the side of the railroad and hundreds were there who just wanted to see the face of the former President for the first time in their lives. Many of the old folks expressed their sentiments in the following language: "Dat I jis want to see, dat President dat eat wid a Negro. I's know he's a good man and all you Niggers ought to vote for him, kis he's de best man 'mong us 'publicans."

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Among those business men white) who are worthy of our mention we have Mr. D. D. Smith, who conducts an insurance agency and stands out very prominently in this city. When we speak of a white man in this column, we appeal to the support of our people to him as being the best man in his business. Mr. Smith carries a line of business as follows: Fire, life, health, accident, liability, steam boiler, marine, tornado, burglary, plate glass insurance, rents houses, gives surety bonds, loans, collents rents, etc. He is located on the seventh floor of the McClure building. It should be the duty of the Negroes to know their best friends whenever it falls their duty to do business with a white man. With all candor the writer can say to his readers that all business attended to with Mr. Smith, that any member of our race may rest assured that he has the best deal that can be gotten by any one in or out of this city. Be a Missourian and give him a call.

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Large preparation is being made by many of our people to take advantage of the cheap rates that are offered to them Easter Sunday morning on the special train that leaves here at 8 o'clock that morning. This is the opening excursion of the season and it seems to be manifested among the people to take advantage of this, as a cheap train like this will always give a fellow a chance to pay his fare and have a considerable sum of money to spend while in the city. A train like this is better for a man who desires a quick trip to Louisville, while at any other time he would have to pay $3, but he can go on this train for only $1.25. Take advantage of the opportunity. It is up to you.

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Rev. D. C. Carter of Midway, who is pastor of the A. M. E. Church, is doing a great work among our people. Rev. Carter is a man of great ability, religious, educational and moral, which are the fundamental principles to make up a good man in this modern, progressive age. Your correspondent is personally acquainted with Rev. Carter. When at Shelbyville he bought a parsonage for his church, which is a very beautiful edifice. He had electric lights placed in the church and it was papered and many other things were improved. Rev. Carter does not seek for the large city to make him great, but he is willing to take up the work in any small settlement and grow along with the city and be one of the main instruments in making the city in which he lives great by demonstrating some of his good works to the public. It was a great treat to Midway to have such an able divine as he in their midst, and the best of all is, he has a loving wife, who is willing to go along and do those things that will be of benefit to her husband, which is one of the main reasons for his success.

Rev. W. T. Silvey of this city has joined the Evangelistic field. He is in Louisville conducting a great revival in Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Silvey last year preached for twelve weeks in a united revival in this city. He made a very favorable impression on our people. Gamblers and whisky heads who just happened to stop in the church were converted. Some old backsliders who had been in the church for the last ten or twelve years as a regular pull back were converted over. The slogan cry here is: "When Brother Silvey gets through with you Negroes, if you don't change, there is not much changing in your heart." Rev. Silvey is one of those old-time foundation builders who knows how to set his stone and set them in a concrete form, set to do business.

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Never in the history of this city was there as much interest manifested by our representative citizens as there is here among the busy bees of the Roosevelt Club. All of their heart, mind and energy is being put forth to send Mr. Roosevelt back to act in executive capacity at the White House at Washington. Col. Roosevelt is making the fight of his life on a modern basis and the progressive lines of the day. Mr. George W. Martin, a very progressive young man, who is president of the People's Literary Society in South Frankfort and the Roosevelt Club, assisted by Dr. James McFatridge and other prominent citizens of the city. The coming out growth of the political Roosevelt Club seems to be at its climax and Mr. Roosevelt seems to be floating on top so far as political victory is concerned in this country. It is plain to see that Roosevelt will win out in this county.

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Mrs. Tibatha Anderson, a very energetic woman, has launched into business, having opened an up-to-date millinery store at 609 High street. Hats trimmed, feathers curled or ready-made hats to order. She has also a branch office at the Frankfort Pressing Club, where one may leave orders. Mrs. Anderson is a thorough going woman. She was elected State organizer of the Federation of Women and was the main instrument in bringing that body of intelligent women to meet in convention in this city. She deserves much credit for her ability and hard work. She is also a member of other clubs of this city. Mrs. Anderson is the wife of Dr. C. W. Anderson, one of the prominent physicians of this city.

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Mrs. Mattie Mumphery is bedfast with a severe case of la grippe at her residence in Longlane avenue. She receives loyal treatment from all her neighboring friends, which makes life so pleasant for her in her illnes. Mrs. Mumphery is the sister of the deceased Miss Ella Gains, who passed to the Great Beyond a few months ago.

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The sudden death of Mrs. Nannie Woolfork was a shock to her many friends. She was a descendant of one of the most highly respected Negro pioneers of this county. The family of Woolforks as far back as a record can show that they have possessed that high spark of loyalty which rests and abides within the youths of today's generation. Mrs. Woolfork was one of the pillars of the Corinthian Church and reared all her children in the same manner in which she was reared, to love the house of the Almighty and to ever be on the alert to praise Him. Mrs. Woolfork's funeral was held at her church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. E. J. Jackson conducted the ceremony. Many beautiful flowers were presented her. A host of friends were in attendance to see the last remains. She left two daughters and one son, namely Miss Pauline Woolfork, Miss Cordelia Woolfork and Mr. Edward Woolfork. These children took their mother's death very hard, as she had been sick only a few weeks and it was a shock to them.

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Guy Huston Brown of Farmdale, Ky., after a severe spell of illness died at the age of 30. Mr. Brown had lived a Christian and upright life and was highly respected among all who knew him. He leaves to mourn at his death a mother and father, eight sisters and two brothers and also a host of friends.

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Mrs. Mattie Jones died in Louisville and was brought to this city for burial. She was the sister of Mrs. Roseater Price. Mrs. Jones' funeral was held at the A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon. Rev. T. A. Thompson conducted the ceremony. She was 50 years old and the following friends came with the remains: Mrs. Eliza Hardin, Henry Carr, George Jones, her husband, and William Price of Georgetown. A large number of friends were in attendance.

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Miss Veraletta Batty is improving after a severe spell of sickness of a few weeks.

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Miss Martha Harris was called to Shelbyville on account of the death of a relative.

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Mrs. A. L. Garvin of Harrisburg, Ky., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. James McFatridge, a few days.

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Mrs. Frank Johnson of Louisville was the guest of Mrs. Laura Mays.

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The Peoples Pharmacy, the most popular place in the city, where the people buy The Freeman and read while drinking, makes the sale of both great.

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Your correspondent, who is on a tour of the State, was in Versailles and appointed Mrs. Sharp Steele, a very attractive young lady, to represent The Freeman News Bureau, and Jesse Scott of Midway, Ky. Mr. Scott is a popular young man of that city. Mr. Tolbert was entertained at the beautiful residence of Miss Malinda Williams. The rooms were bedecked with many handsome flowers. Just as entering the parlor on a small table were many Killearney roses, which was presented to each guest as he entered. The dining room table was ornamented with American Beauty roses, pink and white carnations and ferns. A menu of five courses was served the guests and after the dinner the following party went out cab driving: Miss Willie Silvey und Miss Smith, both teachers in the public school, Miss Malinda Williams and your correspondent. We called upon all of the most prominent citizens of the city. The hospitality of Miss Williams will never be forgotten by the party.

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Lee L. Brown, the correspondent of this paper, will spend a few days in the city. A warm welcome will be extended him.

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At Richard Ward's old stand Mrs. Williams of this city has started a first-class restaurant on Clinton street.

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The Pythian Juniors will have their annual sermon on Easter Sunday.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

Churches to Have Special Easter Services—Douglass Debating Club Held Annual Exercises—Falling Chimney Injures Two Persons.

By Lee L. Brown,
1006 West Chestnut Street.

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

Every one is looking forward to the Easter vacation, most all of the colored churches will hold special exercises; among the most important will be the baptising at Calvary Baptist church, where there are 52 candidates ready for the water. At Quinn Chapel, Bishop Shaffer will preach at the morning services, also at the dedication services, after which the pastor, Rev. J. C. Anderson, will deliver a special sermon before the Masonic lodges at 7 p. m. The members of the choir will have a special musical program. Quite a number of the other churches will hold special song services. A large number of visitors is expected in the city.

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The Douglass Debating Club, composed of members of the Central High School, held their annual exercises at the Emanuel Baptist church last Monday night. It was an enthusiastic crowd of persons who applauded the boys. The chief feature of the evening was the debate, "Resolved, That the Right of Suffrage Should Be Extended to Women." The boys were applauded a number of times. The judges made a decision in favor of the affirmative. A Merit of Honor, gotten out in Brown's Public Typewriting Shop, was presented to the winning team by Prof. Perry. These boys are to be congratulated for the very excellent program rendered. The trial of Aaron Burr, arranged by Mr. Melville Purdue, was indeed worth listening to, as well as the declamatory contest. The members of the club hold regular meetings at the Public Library under the direction of Mr. T. F. Blue.

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On Monday afternoon of this week one of the well-known tenement houses, "The World's Fair," located on 9th street, was the cause of two persons being seriously injured on account of the brick chimney falling. This house has been a notorious place for many years. Pictures of its rooms and surrounding conditions were recently flashed upon canvas by members of the Women's Club of this city. Some of the rooms were hotbeds for tuberculosis and other contagious diseases, yet week after week the family washing of some of the best-known white people are done by them, who very often do not care to take a seat beside some colored person in a street car. These conditions do not only exist in Louisville, but in almost every city throughout the country.

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It is quite well known that among the clubs of the younger men the Alpha Omega ranks is well toward the front, not only because of the personality of its membership, but likewise because of its work and purpose. Though but little notoriety has been given of its activities, the members of the club, both individually and as a club, have devoted both time and talent to matters in hand. In a comparatively short time the public will witness commendable achievements, evidence of real progress. Among the many friends made for the Alpha Omega in the past few months are numbered an array of splendid young ladies, who on the date of March 29 were organized into the Alpha Omega Auxiliary, to which new organization members of the Alpha Omega are calling attention with no little pride. April 12 an A. O. C. pin, in beautiful colors will be formally presented to each member of the Ladies' Alpha Omega. The Alpha Omega ball team, under the management of Mr. A. J. Lesure, and coached by Mr. Squire Moody, hopes to give a good account of themselves when the season opens. The officers are: John H. Frank, president; L. A. Weaver, secretary; R. J. Metcalf, treasurer.

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Miss Carrie Pennabaker, of Dumisneil street, is able to be out again after several weeks of illness.

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Louisville has a colored coal company. Their wagons can be seen all over the city delivering coal. The gentlemen who are at the head of this company are some of the most progressive business and professional men in the city. During the coming summer season they expect to do a great buiness.

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Teddy Roosevelt is expected in the city tonight to address a large crowd of admirers at the Phoenix Hill Park.

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A great demonstration is being arranged for Gen. Jackson, who commands the military rank of the K. of P. Some of the most prominent Pythians in the State will take a part.

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Winter must be over, because our friend Tolbert, of Frankfort left us out of the Frankfort notes. We hope that he is not sick.

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There is about to be organized in Louisville a "Down and Out Club." We will tell you more about this unique organization at a more convenient season.

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The Louisville Cubs Baseball Association will be seen in a short time in their new uniform. Mr. George Baker has a fine bunch of boys together. Look out for the Cubs; they are all right.

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Easter Sunday we expect to see a large number of out-of-town folks, especially teachers who are enjoying their spring vacation. The night schools will close at an early date; there will be special exercises held at all of the buildings.

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There is in circulation an unfortunate rumor which concerns the Masonic lodges all over the State, but since publicity will not help the matter, we refrain from giving the facts to the public, for if true, they will hear it in due time.

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The "Lost Teddy Bear" and musicale under the direction of Mrs. Oliver, given last Monday evening at Quinn Chapel church, was quite a success, even though the rain fell in torrents.

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Louisville folks have quite a number of friends in Hickman, Ky. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the flood-stricken city and pray that the loss is not as great as first reported. It is said that Paducah, Ky., is in great danger of being flooded.

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The Crimson Star Club will give their annual Easter dance at the 13th and Walnut Street Hall Easter (Monday) evening.

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Mr. C. B. Clay, Jr., who has been ill for a number of weeks, is able to beout again, also Miss Ida Lee, who was seriously ill.

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Mrs. Lucy Brown spent a few days this week in Anchorage visiting friends.

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Miss Huffman, sister of Prof. Huffman, of St. Louis, who was at one time a teacher in the Central High School of this city, was in the city for a few hours last week, visiting friends.

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Rev. J. Francis Wilson, state secretary of the B. Y. P. U., was in the city for a few days.

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"My Friend from Dixie" is playing to a crowded house at the Walnut Street theater this week. The show is a top-notcher and is well worth the price of admission.

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The Negro Outlook Committee will hold their regular meeting next Friday night at the Y. M. C. A. A number of important questions affecting the race will be discussed.

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The public school students are enjoying their Easter vacation. Quite a number of the teachers and students of Central High School have gone to near-by towns to spend a few days.

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Clay-Lewis Hotel Company has secured the services of the Louisville Trust Company to handle their finances. Those wishing to secure stock may call at their office for the same at the southwest corner of 5th and Market. Work will begin on the building about May 1, at which time the price of stock will advance.

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Last Sunday seemed to be Fraternal Day, for a large number of prominent fraternal men were in the city. Among those that we noticed were Rev. J. M. Munday, State Grand Master of Masons and prominent minister of the Episcopal church and educator, of Henderson; Prof. Wm. Mayo, secretary of Kentucky Masons and principal of Clinton Street High School, Frankfort, Ky.; Prof. H. Francis Jones, Grand Master of Kentucky Pythians and principal of Douglass High School, Henderson, Ky.; Mr. John Caulder, Lexington, a very prominent Pythian, and D. D. Robinson, a prominent Pythian, Frankfort.

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The Ruby theater, recently destroyed by fire, will be open in a short time under new management. The outlook is very bright.

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Miss Flora Bell Mason, of Cincinnati, is in the city at the bedside of her father, who is very ill.

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Last week, says one of the local papers, a large number of white medical students were cornered by the health officer and vaccinated. The reason was on account of the colored laundress, whose husband had been stricken with smallpox. This incident goes to prove that it is as necessary for the city to look after the sanitary conditions of the Negroes as it is to look after the condition of the whites.

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Why is it that the "tenement law" is not enforced? Recently there was organized an outlook committee to look after such conditions existing among the members of our race in this city. As a member of that committee we shall use every effort to have this committee to call the attention of the authorities to the unsanitary conditions of some of the crowded tenement houses of the dirty alleys, the excessive rent which the landlord charges for unsightly shacks.

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Mrs. Amanda Parrish, the assistant superintendent of the colored bath house at 429 South 11th street, departed this life March 25, 1912. The funeral services were held at her residence, the ceremony being conducted by the Rev. Ferguson, rector of Our Merciful Savior church.

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Mr. George Slaughter, the well-known Freeman representative, has wiped the dust of Kentucky from his feet and has gone to the Hoosier capital, where he will continue in the employment of The Freeman. Everyone knows Geo. Slaughter as a newspaper hustler. Your correspondent has taken full charge of The Freeman. It will be our aim to distribute the papers all over the city. We want every public-spirited person in the city to read each week the best race paper published in the United States. Papers may be purchased from The Freeman sub-stations or at 1006 West Chestnut street. All notes for publication must be mailed direct to our residence.

VERSAILLES (KY.) NOTES.

(By Mrs. Sharp Steele.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. T. J. Smith, principal of the public school, spent Sunday in Frankfort, Ky., visiting friends. He delivered a lecture at the First Baptist church. Prof. Smith is author of the "Boy Problem," which has had a very large sale....The entertainment at the St. Paul A. M. E. church Monday night given under the auspices of Mrs. Fannie Davis, was a success....Mr. A. M. Todd, grand master of the Odd Fellows, was a guest of the city....Mr. Hardin Tolbert, who is at the head of The Freeman news bureau in Kentucky, was in the city and appointed Mrs. Sharp Steele as your correspondent, and she will also handle the selling of papers here....Miss Mary H. Jackson is very sick at her residence....Mr. Tom Craig is able to get out after a few weeks of illness——Mr. John Jones is very sick at his residence....The Knights of Pythias in this city are preparing for a grand annual service, and the name of Sir L. R. Diggs seems to be agitating the mind of every loyal member and all believe that he will be their next grand chancellor of the state of Kentucky. Lawyer Diggs has done so much for our people and this honor should be bestowed on him....The Freeman is on sale at the residence of Mrs. Sharp Steele, on Green street.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

New Enterprise Opened, Now Doing Business—Money Being Raised for Education—More Push Needed Everywhere by the Race.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The proper use of the ballot at the polling places Tuesday was more than gratifying. The keen interest that the thinking men of the race are taking in the issues that the political bosses each year are putting up to the voters, such as the special school tax, garbage laws, street lighting, water and others, in which we are all interested as tax payers, especially in the Negro districts in the old city, were carried at the polls Tuesday, and we all should be proud of it. The ordinance to regulate the saloons and cafes met its Waterloo, as it should have. Where can the workingman go with his family when not on duty? Why don't the masses give better support to the Negroes who are engaged in the various businesses all over the city? You will find just what you need at some of these places and at low cash prices, such as dry goods, tailoring, groceries, wood, coal, millinery, shoes,, repairing, cleaning, eating, blacksmithing, drugs, banking, expressmen, undertakers, real estate, dentists, doctors, newspapers, lawyers, etc., who have the ability and brains to do for the masses what is required. If confidence in the business ability of the Negro The Freeman thinks it should begin at once. Let the Negroes who are in business use printer's ink weekly and let the public know what they have got and what it will cost at cash prices. Have bargain days and sell the goods needed in the homes. The Negro business men should have the courage to go after what business there is in sight....The travelers who come into the city via the railroads are Mr. Henry Lacy, Adam Forbes, Will Jones, M. C. Littles, Gus Heason, Gala Ward, Abe McQueen, Ben Vinson, Albert Cunningham, Ed Harris....Mr. Walter Scott, at Valk's place No. 2, reports that he gets The Freeman every week. That is why he can please his patrons' every want....Mrs. L. B. Richardson and her daughter, Miss Ethel, spent last Sunday visiting relatives and friends in Fort Worth....D. D. Guest is the manager of the new undertaking company just opened and is doing business at the corner of Montezuma and North Central avenue. Everything new and complete....We have in our midst a large number of young men and women and little misses who have returned home from the various seats of learning to spend vacation. We welcome them as our own and trust soon to see their shingles hanging out, which will further heighten our esteem in them one and all....Mr. and Mrs. Will Conly and Mr. and Mrs. Major Early made a flying trip to the Panther City returned after paying their relatives and friends a pleasant visit....Mr. A. G. Shepardson is having some additional improvements made to his residence on State street. The members of the Knights of Pythias State Temple Commission met here Monday and viewed the proposed site and discussed the situation and it leaked out that we are to have something doing in the shape of building soon at Elm and Good streets...Mr. Bobby Roberts and associates are striving to secure first-class men to represent Dallas on its ball team this season. See The Freeman for the lineup next issue. Waco was here last Sunday, but rain prevented them from playing. The locals in and around Dallas should be at hard practice these days so that when the season opens they can deliver the goods on the diamond. We sympathize with the relatives of the various deceased citizens who died during the past week. They were: Mrs. Mollie Cooksie, Mrs. Angeline Winn, Miss Sadie Williams, Mr. John Weekly, F. B. Samuels, Mr. Ossi E. Norington. The funerals were all largely attended by friends and orders, which showed the high esteem with which each was held. The floral offerings were most beautiful and the services were held at the churches of their choice....Mr. Jake Green, of Denver, Colo., spent a while here visiting relatives and friends....Mr. Horace Dillingham, recently of Sulphur Springs, spent some time here among his old time friends....Mr. H. W. Harper is visiting in Monroe, La....The Freeman is here to serve your every want. When you desire to reach the reading public see J. G. Griffin, the hustler....The Citizens' Mercantile Company are now open to ask a share of your trade. Phone Main 788, corner Central avenue and Bryan street, Mr. C. M. Wallick manager. Look through the list of our advertisers and go there and be treated right at all times.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Write or wire me of the whereabouts of my mother and sisters—Harriet Moore, Nancy C. Williams, Jemmima Cooper—who lived at Flora, Madison county, Miss., between aJckson and Yazoo City. Address Willie Washington, 3206 Cochran street, Dallas, Tex. All preachers in Mississippi kindly read at services.
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April 20.

LOST AND WANTED.

Sarah Kyles, Ida Bell Alexander and Nelson Willis. When last heard of were residing at 36th and P. O. streets with Mrs. Victoria Bennett. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts will do me a valuable favor by wiring or writing me at once. Mrs. Emeline Alexander Lovett, 1609 Bourbon street, Dallas, Texas.

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE
R.C. BUCKNER

Conley, Taylor and Picks opened at the Pekin, Richmond, Va.

Porter and Russell opened in Wilmington, N. C., Monday, April 1, at the the Southern Theatorium.

The Ten Cotton Pickers played Toledo, O., the week of March24, and Columbus April 1, with ten weeks to follow.

The Porter Brothers, "The Two Chauffeurs," made a big hit at the Central Square theater, Lynne, Mass.

Williams and Stevens in theis sixth week at the Auditorium theater, Philadelphia. Lincoln theater, New York, week of April 8.

John Rucker (Williams & Stevens Company) will start rehearsing April 22. The show will carry 20 of the best people in the show business.

Walter Jackson is back in town and is playing a return date at the Manila theater, Indianapolis. He wants to hear from all friends care Freeman.

LeRoy Bland, who has been sick for three months, is out of the hospital and at his home, 2446 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. Friends write or call.

Cox and Cox and Baby Gertrude, this week at the Imperial theater, Jackson, Tenn.; next week, Belmont theater, Pensacola, Fla. Send regards to all.

A successful benefit was recently tendered Madame Marie Selika under the direction of Wm. A. White. Talent from New York and Brooklyn took part in the program.

After four weeks of success Thornton and Long, to the regret of and with the good wishes of the Winston-Salem audiences, closed. They open at the Pekin theater, Norfolk, Va., April 1.

Billy Ward, the "Black Dockstader," has been engaged as a special attraction for Rastus Brown's Seven Black Americans appearing at the Casino, Hoboken, N. J., for an indefinite period.

Harry Bell, formerly of the Florida Minstrels, under the management of E. D. Lee, expects to return to vaudeville in the near future. He is said to be one of the best monologists of the day.

L. D. Joel, theatrical king, speaking of the celebrated Leon Long, the magician and ventriloquist, played at his house the week of March 25, says he pleased the people, keeping them laughing from start to finish.

Alonzo Moore, magician, is in Richmond, Va., at the Dixie theater, having success. When in New York he says that he was ordered out of his room because the landlady wouldn't stand for a man who could do such things as she saw him do at the show.

Miss Susie Sutton has fully recovered from her illness after being confined to the bed for two weeks, at Key West, Fla., where she was filling an engagement at the Dixie theater. She has gone north, and will be at her home in New York City about the first of May.

At the Belmont Street theater Pensacola, Fla., "Mr. Dream Man," the Rainey Trio, the Wiggins Brothers, in their act, "Out of the Barrel Into the Bandbox"; Walter Brugsdall, the droll comedian, is winning with his fetching act. Gus Neil and G. McGraw are waking them up with their overtures.

Robert B. Joplin, formerly of Pittsburgh, later of Cincinnati, is now in charge of the Ruby theater, Louisville, Ky., which has been closed a short while for repairs. The house will be beautified and made comfortable. Mr. Joplin has had success as an actor and as manager. He will make it a point to serve the Ruby patrons to the best of his ability, assuring them the best for the money.

D. W. Batsells' orchestra, of Florence, Ala., is now in its third week of touring the South, and is meeting with much success. While at Pulaski, Tenn., March 28, the members were highly entertained by the Pulaski musicians. Professors E. C. Dangerfield and W. C. Davis treated us as musicians and tried to make things pleasant. The orchestra will return home to fill a series of engagements, commencing the 7th at Florence, Ala., and ending May 1 at Decatur, Ala.

Frank Montgomery and his Dixie Players, this week Howard theater, Washington, D. C. Week of the 8th, open at the West End theater for two weeks, so that the Smart Set can play at the Howard, then back to the Howard for an indefinite stay. We are such a success in the capitol that some of the members of the company are thinking of renting a farm for the summer, so that they can get up at 4 a. m., work on the farm all day, walk five miles to town at night, give the show, walk back home for exercise after the show, and at 2 a. m., they are in slumberland. Yea, nothing to do until tomorrow.

SEALS AND FISHER HEARD FROM.

We opened in Chicago February 26th, at the Monogram and found Mr. Klien a prince, but being spoiled by hamfats, to whom this gentleman lends a helping hand, and in return he gets a lemon. It was very hard for me to convince him that I was a little different from the rest. Since that time we have played nothing but white houses on the Frank Q. Dayel time. This week at Schindler's theater; week of the 8th, Pekin theater, Cincinnati; week of 15th, New Circle theater, Philadelphia; then back to Chicago with big time to folloy. Must say my advertising through The Freeman is the cause of it all. There is not a manager or booking agent in Chicago that doesn't know Seals and Fisher or has read of them. (There's a reason.) While here I have I had one of my best songs published by the Dean Music Publishing Co., and only a few professional copies are left so my friends must send for one at once. The title of the song is "I'll Take the U. S. A. For Mine," and it's a hot one. Baby Floyd Fisher, in her new jewel costume, is cleaning up.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR 999.

P. L. Jenkins Writes From Mobile, Ala.

We are now way down in Alabama, for one week, showing along the gulf coast. John Pamplin, "the demon of the tropics," appearing as his sulphuric majesty, the devil, still scores nightly in his marvelous juggling act. The Watts Brothers, J. S. and L. V., comedy acrobats, the boys with the many falls, are still the talk of the day. These two young men certainly deserve much credit for their death-defying and seemingly impossible stunts. German White is on the sick list this week. Earl and Fisher are still sending the audience into screams of merriment in their act, entitled "Wildcatting." Address all mail for members of this company to Hazen, Arkansas. Route, Jackson, Miss, April 13 and 14.

CHANGE OF NAME WANTED.

We regard it as fortunate, to say the least, that the Johnson Amusement Company in New York City has decided to load down its new colored playhouse with such a cumbersome title as "The Walker-Hogan-Cole Theatre." The three men selected for honor rank with the best the race has ever produced. We yield to none in our admiration of their work, but we can see no fitness in saddling all their names upon a single place of amusement, to the tangling of the tongue and the distraction of the ear of the suffering public. In this generation, simplicity and time-saving devices are at a premium. "The Walker-Hogan-Cole" advocates have overdone a good thing. Let the new theatre be The Walker, The Hogan, or The Cole, if you will, for one name is sufficient to indicate our respect for the spians who have gone before.

That bunglesome title ought to be changed at once.—The Advocate, Charleston, W. Va.

CIRCLE THEATER, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Last week smashed all records of the South Street theaters, and at 8 o'clock every night during the week they were compelled to stop the sale of tickets, the streets being blocked nearly a square away with people anxious to get in and this would continue until midnight. The drawing card was the Fairfax Trio, featuring Madam Fairfax, the double-voiced vocalist, in comedy, pianologue and imitations of great singers. Next came the clever dancing team of Hatch and Hatch. Mrs. Hatch made a tremendous hit with "Please Don't Send My Lovin' Man Away." Then the two danced until they were unable to respond to the repeated encores. The audiences fairly went wild over the Arntes, Grace and Billy, and they certainly lived up to the advanced heralding that proclaimed them royal entertainers. The Griffin Sisters closed the bill, as only the Griffins can. They did more than well and sent all out happy. Week of April 1 brings Jolly Jenkins, Juggler Jarome and Lewis in a puzzle to the public. Misses McClain and Crampton comedy sketch, and Billy and Grace Arntes and Michaels and Michaels, the happy pair.

NOTES OF THE "DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS."

We are back in the state of Alabama, playing to good houses. Miss Charlie ing is taking two and three encores, singing "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," and "Sue," words and music written by Lonnie Kyles, of this company. Miss Ethel Fields is making a big hit singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," assisted by Billy McCoy, Earl Terry and Henry Fields. Our show is strong and full of ginger. Mr. Willie Moore, late of the Florida Blossoms, has joined us, playing trombone in band, and making our band much stronger. We now have twelve pieces, and under the direction of Grant Cooper, the band is making a hit everywhere. Charles English, the young comedian, after the type of Andrew Tribbles, never fails to make good, as he appears in the last act as Lilly White. Miss Lulu Cooper is pleasing the crowds, singing "Oh, You Beautiful Doll." Harry Anderson is making good, singing "I Have Music With My Meals," in the first part, also opening the olio with his monologue and leaving them screaming with "Buckwheat Cakes."

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Pekin Theater—Tuskegee Band Coming.

The Pekin management booked in the Carter Trio for a return date with an entirely new act. This is one of the favorite turns playing over this time. The act this week is a little comedy sketch entitled "A Happy Family, Though Broke." It is full of humor and sentiment, and above all is decidedly novel, with a continual round of merriment. Paul Carter is a very funny comedian and he sang a couple of parodies that were in popular favor, and little Nettie was a featured attraction with some real rag songs, and that genuine Gertrude Hoffman movements by Mrs. Carter laid the lines for the comedy with which Mr. Carter kept the audience in an uproar.

Miss Lucy Shepherd, our little prima donna, sang a new one, "That Stingy Man." It was a big hit.

Miss Bessie Hocker is still singing some popular songs during the matinees.

Notes.

J. Lubree Hill, with the "Triend from Dixie" company, did a good business in this city last week, considering the many other attractions.

Mr. Irving Jones left this city for his home in New York City, where he will spend a few days with his family. Mr. Burt Grant will join him in a few days.

The world's champion, Jack Johnson, proved to be the biggest drawing card that ever appeared in this city.

The Baby F. Seals company will follow the Carter Trio at the Pekin.

The Tuskogee Institute Band of fifty pieces will appear at the Music Hall, this city, the latter part of April.

"LASH" GIDEON DIES IN BOSTON, MASS.

At One Time Was a Prominent Manager.

Elisha ("Lash") Gideon, who had recently been ill in a hospital at Boston, Mass., died March 22 in that city. He was born in Harrisonville, Case county, Md., was 45 years of age and is survived by his mother, sister and brother, Albert Gideon, who resides in Chicago, and according to his own statement Gideon has a young son residing in the West. Lash Gideon, who was once one of the most prominent colored road managers in America, was formerly a cornet soloist who made a reputation. While his early career as a manager was only of passing notice, he first attracted attention as manager of a jubilee company and afterwards managed the Nashville Students, both successfully, and then consolidated the two forms of entertainment. The decline of jubilee in America had caused him to tour much in Canada.

His next venture was to convert the Nashville Students (not students in college) into minstrelsy and that was also successful. After modern Negro comedy had become popular through Bob Cole and Billy Johnson, Cole's first partner, Lash Gideon purchased "Hottest Coon in Dixie," which was a big financial success until after a few seasons, when he lost out, owing to a lack of qualities necessary to compete with the brains of a more modern form of management, which meant to him a loss financially.

His last successful season as manager was when he took the Nashville Students, consolidated with minstrelsy, on a tour from coast to coast. His later ventures were only small visitations of his past record. He and Billy Nichols organized a small town "Hottest Coon in Dixie" company in Boston two seasons ago, which was bought out by Ditmas, a white man, who later sold out his interest also. Mr. Gideon was very popular among his people and the white race, in his best days, and with his death, actors are left with two examples to ponder over, pro and con, and because of his useful worth and activity, his presence will be missed.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

LESTER A. WALTON TO WED.

The engagement of Mr. Lester A. Walton, dramatic editor of The New York Age, to Miss Gladys Moore, daughter of Mr. Fred R. Moore, publisher of The Age, is announced. It is said the wedding is to take place in June.

Advertisements in The Freeman always bring good results.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

TALLABOO STARS RETURN TO THE CITY.

Mrs. G. W. Lacey Interviewed.

There was general rejoicing among the society people of the Douglass Center district when the female members of the Tallaboo company arrived in town last Saturday evening. When the news had reached my ears I rushed to the Hotel Brunswick, where I met Thomas Merritt, a recent promoter of the enterprise, who informed me that he would take me directly to the home of Mrs. G. W. Lacey, a prominent member of the company and wife of Dr. Lacey on Forest avenue. Mrs. Lacey was at home and asked us into the parlor. She sat on a piano bench for two, after having seated me in a rocker.

Mrs. Lacey, who is very intelligent, is also a fluent talker. When her discourse became interesting, I emerged from the rocker and took a seat on the end of a mahagony lounge, where I could pose like a photo-picture. The report that the company had stranded is not true, she said. It was all a beastly lot of bad management and too much of a family affair among the Harpers, to untangle. The company went to Washington at the expense of Mr. Spittell, acting manager for Mr. Thomas of the Howard. When J. J. Harper, the author's brother, arrived in Washington, he tried to take the management out of Mr. Spittell's hands and transfer it to Charles Webb, a relative by marriage, who has been in the Government employ. The company was to play on a guarantee of $750. Mr. Spittell had already paid out $225 car fare and when he discovered that Mr. Harper, the author's brother, was trying to take the business out of his hands, he induced Harper to play on percentage, which resulted in a loss for the company.

It was an hour of sympathy for Nathaniel Harper, the aged author, who was a loser by his ignorant brother's misrepresentation. The author's young son had even begged his father not to allow the management to be changed. When Chas. Webb tried to book the company at Baltimore and other places, neither Manager Thomas nor Mr. Spittell would O. K. the project and furthermore, it developed that Mr. Webb had neither money nor influence.

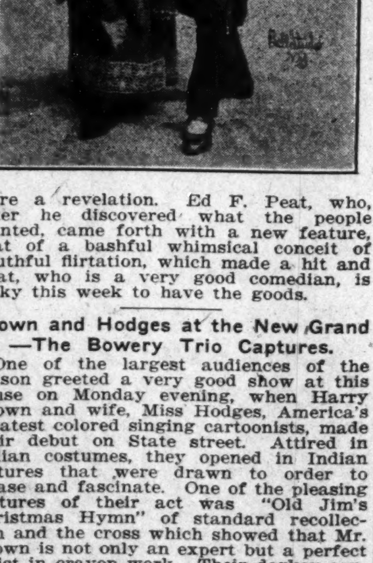
The house was full on the opening night, but one-half of the audience came in on complimentaries. The audiences dwindled during the remainder of the week owing to rain and poor advertising. Harper had sent white stock paper and Thomas would not put it out, as a fair example of two short-sighted business men. The company was obliged to lay two weeks, when a return engagement of three days was secured by Mrs. A. M. Curtis, wife of Dr. Curtis, which enabled the female members to raise enough money to get back to Chicago. Although Mrs. Lacey, Fanny Hall Clint and Nellie Stone Lane were able to get home at their own expense, they were determined to look out for the weaker female members. Mrs. Lacey looks upon Mr. Spittell as a gentleman of fine quality and highly praised his part in the management. He was especially careful, knowing of the high social standing of the ladies of this company, in securing accommodations for them at the home of Mrs. Alberta Bender Gunn.

Prominent among members of the company who were entertained, were Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Clint, Mrs. Stone, Miss Fortson, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Wall, Mr. Madden and Mr. Graham. The ladies have all arrived home, including Mrs. J. J. Harper. Messrs. Madden and Wall are playing in vaudeville at Washington, D. C.

What was remarkable about the Tallaboo company is that they all stuck together after Mr. Harper had withdrawn and Mr. Wall had loyally leaped forward to their rescue. What is regretful of J. J. Harper is that he does not qualify in any way as a manager and that he has a good wife and a family of children and is the brother of the author. Mr. Thomas Merritt who equipped and backed the company at a loss, could have went further, as he is a real estate owner, whose property is valued at over $25,000 and even now complains that Mr. Harper is organizing another company at Washington to play at Frankfort, Ky., and other places and has his piano score and orchestrations, which had been specially arranged by Will H. Dorsey of the Monogram Theater at a considerable expense. On the eve of our departure I asked Mrs. Lacey what she thought of Mr. Thomas as a manager. She gave a starey look. I was about to call it off with a goodbye. But honestly she couldn't see Mr. Thomas from a large promisory view. And I, as I backed out, was thinking of the possibilities and proportions of colored theatre projects as alliances through and through.

Ed F. Peat at the Monogram—The Rest of the Bill Makes Good.

Eastertide is here and the Monogram found a strong bill in evidence at this house. Peat and Hayes, who entered in upon their second week at this house, were a revelation. Ed F. Peat, who, after he discovered what the people wanted, came forth with a new feature, that of a bashful whimsical conceit of youthful flirtation, which made a hit and Peat, who is a very good comedian, is lucky this week to have the goods.



Brown and Hodges at the New Grand—The Bowery Trio Captures.

One of the largest audiences of the season greeted a very good show at this house on Monday evening, when Harry Brown and wife, Miss Hodges, America's greatest colored singing cartoonists, made their debut on State street. Attired in Indian costumes, they opened in Indian pictures that were drawn to order to please and fascinate. One of the pleasing features of their act was "Old Jim's Christmas Hymn" of standard recollection and the cross which showed that Mr. Brown is not only an expert but a perfect artist in crayon work. Their darkey cartoons were comical and excellent.

The Bowery Trio, which made a hit with real fine voices, were also very good in bits of comedy that attracted. The contra-tenor singer was a sweet-voiced feature of the trio. Murray Livingston and company in "The Man from Italy" was a very good dramatic picture of Italian life. Mr. Livingston, who is especially strong in character work, had good support and the act received a heavy hand. Harry La Monte's girls were not the singing feature of an attraction which gave good satisfaction because of good specialties and solo work of the male members. The three comedy acrobat cyclists, last spoken of, were not least on the program, for they were performers of great ability. Baacer was strictly funny and the two La Velles were successful difficult riders and creators of mirth.

The last half of the week had the Clarks as entertainers. This was the last appearance of this attractive colored team, who now leave for a tour of Australia. The Samois Arabs were good. Rose Sharon and company and Bannister and Vizzard also attracted on the bill. Elaine Gardner was a good mimic and shared honors with the Clarks. The orchestra has slightly improved.

PEAT AND HAYES.

Ella Hayes, who knows how to render a song decently, if not so pretty, has a very pleasing personality. The Kinky Doo Trio, Cooper, Wicks and Jones, was a popular return attraction. Their trio songs were made the subject of good harmony. Kinky was immense in her Aida Overton Walker style, Miss Wicks made good in deep alto and character singing and Ada Smith was all that could be desired in her tropical songs. The act as a whole was very good. Morton and Johnson shared honors with any act on the bill. Their work was not only legitimate, but went with a dash that took rank with modern ideas.

Le Roy Morton suffered with a slight cold, but Miss Eloise Johnson showed her voice to be equal to helping him out. The Original Rags re-appeared at this house as an entertainer. The regulation work between actors and musicians at this house should be kept more in unison. It is the public that supports professional people and the public looks for dutiful satisfaction. The orchestra, however, was in good form. George Reeves, the trap drummer, who was recently offered an engagement to go to Australia, is still at his post, where he will remain as an interesting acquisition. People were turned away at every performance on the opening night.

Comedy Picture Drama at the Pheonix.

There is something wonderful about the patronage of this little house. The illustrated song "The Rosebud" fared well. The most important thing on Monday evening was a comedy picture drama entitled "Mother and Daughters." Other pictures were "The Spartan Mother" and "Smiling Bob." The daily matinees have now come to be a moderately successful feature.

Chicago Stage Notes.

The Umbrian Glee Club which appeared at Bethel church last week should have been better advertised.

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Miller & Green wer at the Appollo last week. The team is to dissolve partnerships and Green is to join hands with Mr. Bailey. The new team will be known as Bailey Green.

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Thompson & Redcliff have been booked on the Western Association and United time.

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B. S. Gaton is soon to be a member of a musical act. He gave good satisfaction at the New Grand theatre, where he played clarionet in the absence of Nelson Kincaid.

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Will Dixon has returned from a visit to his relatives in Kansas City is back with the Real Quartett, which opened at Indianapolis last week.

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J. C. Prosser, Richard Warren, Arthur Lewis, and Andrew Smith are filling dates with the Capital Lyceum Bureau.

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DeKoren Thompson's "Goodnight Sweatheart" will be introduced on the big time by Miss Lothe Grady.

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The Watermelon Trust with Arthur Allen and Sam Patterson and including Miss Coates and Miss Grundy were at the American and Franklin theatres last week with Peoria and Canton, Illinois to follow.

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Mrs. Walter Rector whose stage name is Miss Johnson, gave birth to a fine baby boy. The stork came March 28th. Both Mrs. Rector and Walter Rector, Jr. are reported to be doing nicely, while papa is out collecting all the honors and congratulations.

The Rose City Quartett which consists of Billy Clark, comedian, Rube Tebauw, John Gardner and George H. Williams, leader and business manager, faired very nicely at the Monogram. They are already booked over the Western Association time.

G. Sharper White, the wizard magician, was at the Bijou last week and his tricks of levitation of the East Indian gold bell were received with much favor.

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Lizzie Hart (Mrs. Will H. Dorsey) who is suffering with acute indigestion, by advice of her physician, has entered St. Benard Hospital for an ex-ray examination to determine what course must be persued in view of having to undergo a slight operation. She will probably be retained for three days.

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Report from Honnolula indicates that all is not gold that glitters in a foreign clime. Word has been received that Hen Wise of Wise & Milton invaded the Hiawaain Islands with a flaw in his contract. The company arrived in Honnolula January 2d, and after two weeks idleness, opened for one week. The Honnolula Amusement Company's manager, finding a weak clause in the contract, shut down upon the show and had it re-organized to their own liking, regardless of Mr. Wise, whose business management was looked upon as faulty. Rosa Lee Taylor, who had to sue the management, has retired from the company, having won her suit, but will have to remain in Honnolula, alone, pending a settlement and is anxious to hear from her friends in America in the meantime, who can address her at 35 School street, Honnolula, H. I. According to a statement from Allie Gillam, the new organization was obliged to divide up into vaudeville acts. The Gillam-Williams combine has left the Island and is now on the ocean enroute for San Francisco. Madam Tyler will not go to Australia, but expects to leave in a short time for San Francisco. Performers who go to Honnolula should see that their contracts are iron clad, in order to clinch a square deal, if by law, as the managers all over the Islands are said to be bogus and thrifty in financial details. Several years ago the late Ernest Hogan was pressed to challange Prince Cupid, of this port, to fight a duel at sea.

AN EASTER HYMN.

Give us a lucid light to shine
  Bright as the sun, to illume the way;
A vital spark of love devine,
  A voice to sing, a tongue to pray,
As offering for an Easter day.

THE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

What makes your mood my heart beguile,
When love has claimed you, nature's child?
  And I calmly waiting,
To hear you talk and see you smile;
I'll drift away in after-while,
  For love is irritating;
So if you're bashful, claim your own!
And do not roam through life alone,
  While birds so oft are waiting.

—SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

UNION THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

The Rubicon apparently has been crossed in the affairs of the Union theater and things look good and favorable for long existence and continued prosperity. The bill is a fetching good one this week, thus helping in making the house a stayer. All the numbers were good; some were better.

Murphy and Gant gave an amusing number. Murphy is droll in his humor, winning at it, reminding one of Bert Williams. Miss Gant is dainty.

The McCarvers are a furore. McCarver the original would make good on any old stage. His partner has a finished voice, uses it well and is of excellent stage appearance.

Winn and Nugent are new ones to Indianapolis. As a team they make good. The little lady in herself is a wonder. For eccentric dancing and pranks she has all of them topped. Her stage manners are very taking.

Don Lopez does a novelty wire walking act—slack and slacker. Kind of loose and careless, but he gets there. Does some thrilling things.

The Real Comedy Quartette puts it on in a great way. All the voices good, two especially good. The lead voice is a peach—a sky scraper. The bass scrapes on the very foundation of things. "My Old Kentucky Home" was never so excellently rendered as the Real Quartette does it. Imitation calliope is also a good one.

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"MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE."

"My Friend From Dixie" opened at the Walnut Street theater, Louisville, Ky., on Sunday night to a crowded house, and the show secured a tremendous hit here. Among the leading characters, J. Leubrie Hill as Mandy Lee, portrays the real down home colored mammy. Mr. Richard Shulton as Jim Jackson Lee is a prominent man as a comedian. Mr. Will Brown as Bill Simmons was very good and his number, "Molasses Candy" was a hit with the patrons. Mr. Sam Gaines as Jasper Green was very good in the character of the Old Man. Miss Evon Robinson as the leading lady also scored in "We're Going to Have a Good Time While I Can." The cast of the show is well presented and the chorus is the best that has been here in Louisville for a number of years.

The selections of the all men's quartette and the quintette were among the many features of the show. The dances and songs were all very good and showed that they had been well drilled.

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McDaniel and McDaniel have closed after four weeks' engagement in Jackson, Tenn. Will open at the Little Savoy theater, Memphis, Tenn.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY—In "Dr. Beans from Boston"—Howard theater, two weeks, commencing April 8.

SALEM T. WHITNEY — Southern "Smart Set"—Danville, Ill., April 9; Paris, 10; Frankfort, Ind., 11; Lafayette, 12; Logansport, 13.

PROF. EPH WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS — Wilmington, N. C., April 8, 9, 10.

J. LUBREE HILL in "My Friend from Dixie"—St. Louis, Mo., Imperial theater week of April 7.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Shawnee, Okla., April 8; McAllister, 9; Muskogee, 10.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—Port Jervis, N. J., April 8.

McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS —Guide Rock, Neb., April 8; Superior, 9; Nelson, 10; Hebron, 11; Fairbury, 12; Table Rock, 13.

FRANK MONTGOMERY and his Dixie Players—West End theater, Washington theater, D. C., week of April 8.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Sylacanga, Ala., April 8.

FRANK KIRK, the Musical Tramp—Kalamazoo, Mich., April 8, 9, 10; Battle Creek, 11, 12, 13, 14.

THE RAGTIME TRIO—Buxton, Iowa, April 8 to 15.

PUNKIN COLORED TRIO — Family theater, New Castle, Pa., April 8, 9, 10; American theater, East Liverpool, O., April 11, 12, 13.

G. W. ALLEN'S TROUBADOURS—Mobile, Ala., indefinite.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Bradley, Billy.
Burke, Robert.
Benson, Otis
Boston, Shepard
The Bruces
Caldwell, Billy.
Collins, H. D.
Culligan, Tom
Dennis, John W.
DeLeo, B. F.
Elliott, E. J.
Foster, S. B.,
Gray, Prof. J. A.
Gilliam, Allie
Gipson, Roy.
Graham, P. G.
Harris, Geo.
Hull, D. R.
Hoy, H. (telegram)
Hawk, Clarence E.
Hughes, Atrus
Hull, Dan
Johnson, W. M.
Kraton, Harry.
Kelly, Duds

The Jolly Hendersons
Mores, J. Francis
McQuitly, Moses
McDuff, Littleton
Moppin, Pearl.
Miller and Lyle
Mills, Jerry
Mills, Billy
McCamon, J. H.
Pitt & Wescott
Parker, Alex N.
Peremound, Frank
Riley, George.
Stewart, Dink
Sutton, H. J.
Smith, James
Thomas, Kid.
Thomas, W.
Wise, Hen.
Webb, Joe.
Wallburg, Hamdy.
WillieToo Sweet
Williams, Walter.
Waldon, O. W.

Ladies' List.

Adams, Mable L.
Bostwick, Mrs. M.
Cisco, Miss Nellie.
Cooper, Mrs. Grant
Edwards, Laura
Harrison, Miss E.
Johnson, Mrs. Lulu.
Leonaw, Miss Lizzie
Marion, Miss Glenn
Michaels, Leoara
Moore, Miss Mazie

Moore, Mre. Eva.
Russell, Mrs. Alice.
Smith, Ruby.
Simms, Bessie
Shaw, Miss Bell
Santaner, Miss
Streaghts, Miss
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Woods, Mrs. Susie
Webb, Miss Ella

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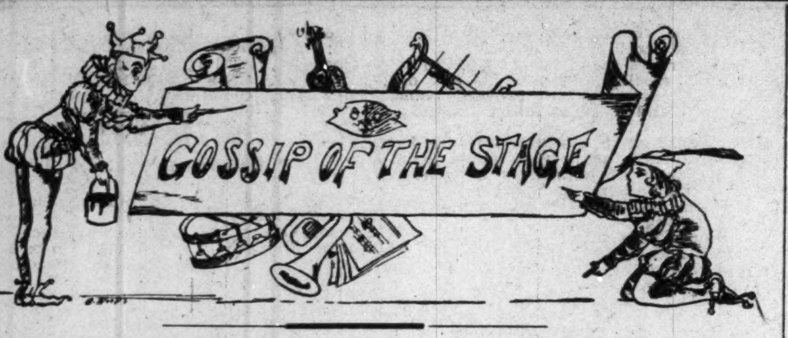

LINES TO THE PROFESSION.

Just the time to start your plans—
How lucky you took our tip—
But remember, my dear friends,
Ours must be the winning trip.
You, no doubt, will find this true
E'er the season half is through.
Rush ahead—good luck to you!
Such a season you'll not rue,
For such a venture can not fail.
As for the cash, he has the kale,
So do not fear the ghost will walk.
However, that is foolish talk—
I will not spend time on this;
On other subjects I will shift,
Not talk about the salary list.
Please answer the call, kid, right away;
Let no one dicker or delay,
As time and tide wait for no man
Take time by the forelock while you can;
Enter joy and shun the gloom—
Some pleasant days with
—BOYER SOON.

The lines above will sure prove true.
Pay strict attention—now, please do—
This I humbly of you beg.
Yours professionally,
—MISS RUTH SPRAGUE.

Some may call this all a bluff;
Little Ruth Sprague, she wrote this stuff,
Had her contract ever since.
Compliments of
—ARTHUR PRINCE.

STAGE NOTES.

Aida Overton Walker and Girls are now scoring a big success in the West on Orpheum time.

The Brooks-Smith players are still in Nashville, Tenn., where they will be for a few weeks longer.

Slim Mason was in Indianapolis last week during the engagement of his wife, Lillian Brown, at the Union Theater.

Miss Lelia Mitchel, the pleasing singer, en route with the Black Patti Company, is making a big success. She is one clever girl.

Slim Mason has joined with Henry Wilson in a new team. Something good is being prepared. Wilson is known as "Cat."

Miss Emma Butler, the pleasing soubrette, who joined the Black Patti Company at Washington, D. C., recently, is still scoring a big success. Miss Butler is a Washington girl and well known in the profession.

Pace and Crosby are scoring quite a success since their arrival in Philadelphia. Buddy Gilmore, Kinky and Gilmore are still scoring a big hit with the song, "Please Don't Shake It, Baby, While I'm Gone," since arriving in New York City.

John E. Lewis, tenor singer and straight man, late of Royal Sam Company, is spending a few weeks at his home in New Orleans after an absence of three years. The Miller Family, musical artists, may play vaudeville the coming season, with new costumes and a new novelty musical act. They have been playing successfully in and around Washington, D. C., all winter.

CLARK-M'CLAIN MARRIAGE.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mr. Bonnie Clark, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Semoura McClain, of Indianapolis, Ind., were quietly married here on March 14, 1912. Mr. Clark will be remembered as female impersonator of the trio of Brown, Clark and Brown. And Miss McClain is a sister of Miss Florence McClain of Montgomery & McClain. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Clark's partners, Mayme and James Brown, and Margie Crosby and Aaron Pace of Pace and Crosby and Mr. Frank Montgomery and Florence McClain of Montgomery and McClain. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and the Browns are now in conjunction with Frank Montgomery's Dixie players at the Howard Theater in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Clark send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

SOUTHERN THEATORIUM.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Johnson & Johnson, White & White, Leroy Knox and Docia Styles played to packed houses last week. Johnson & Johnson had them screaming all the time and White & White proved to be the best clean, up-to-date performers that have been through this section for some time. Their work is original and high-class.

Pekin to Be Sold.

The historic Pekin Theater, Chicago, is soon to pass from colored management. All of the scenery, seats, etc., have been advertised for sale. Report has it that the house will go into the Selig syndicate of picture houses as soon as extensive alterations are completed. Many express the opinion that the location of the theater is not as good as some years ago.

WALKER'S MOTHER WRITES.

To the Directors of the Johnson Amusement Co. Gentlemen—I hope you will pardon me for taking the liberty of addressing you. However, being a constant reader of The Age and also having a keen desire to keep in touch with everything pertaining to the theatrical work of our people—and I am proud of every advancement made in this particular direction—permit me to say that I have been waiting with prayerful patience to hear your decision as to the naming of the theater to be constructed in Harlem. The name decided upon I think to be the most appropriate that could have been chosen, doing the greatest honor to the three greatest Negro men that we, as a race, have ever produced and put out before the footlights.

It is a great way to pay equal tribute to the memory of these dear young men, each of whom spent his short life uplifting the moral standard of the stage work of our people. I am sure that God must have directed your minds to combine these names and name the theater as you have.

Accept my humble thanks, prayers and appreciation.
MRS. ALICE MYERS,
Lawrence, Kans.
(Geo. W. Walker's mother.)

SOUTHERN SMART SET COMPANY

At West Baden Springs—Salem Tutt Whitney in the "Mayor of Newtown."

(By Sylvester Russell.)

What might be termed a gala evening in a country town was when the Southern Smart Set Company appeared on St. Patrick's Day evening, 1912, to a most aristocratic audience at prices ranging from 50 cents to $1.50. The occasion presented Salem Tutt Whitney in "The Mayor of Newtown" in three acts—book and ylrics by Salem T. Whitney and Homer Tutt, music by T. L. Corwell, Homer Tutt and Henry Watterson. The play, which is an operatic musical comedy of a very illustrious order, is better equipped vocally and in the concerted and ensemble music than any company I have seen this season. This is no doubt due to the fact that Mr. Corwell, manager of the company, who wrote the music, is an English composer who came to America several years ago as leader of the orchestra and operatic producer for the Black Patti Troubadours. The book, with but few exceptions, is original and highly legitimate in texture. The story of itself, which has dealt a blow to the concourse of a drama, is nevertheless built upon the framework of the musical comedy school. You know that you are in Newtown, said to be in Oklahoma. You see the carnival grounds and the town hall ball room, and at Eagle Pass you see the battle field in a sham, which ends reasonably, as a most redeeming feature. Salem Tutt Whitney, the star, as Lem Lee, the mayor, has a character which borders upon the heretofores, but his conception is original and his method is legitimate, two factors which make his work stand out. His comedy work is clean and his drollery of humor is manifest, and continual laughter is in order throughout the play. "I'm the Mayor of Newtown" and "Here I Is and Here I stay" were songs which set his hearers crazy with mirthful delight. And Whitney, too, has a highly-cultivated bass voice equal to any grand opera singer, which of itself attracted equally with his versatility as a comidian and dancer. J. Homer Tutt, as a man with modern ideas, was altogether convincing in straight and character work and he is also endowed with a personality of magnetism and an excellent form of stature which radily appeals to everybody. His likeness unto George W. Walker was positive. "Hot Tamale Sam" was a very warm number, in which his baritone voice was sweet and musical and the dancing girls were clever. "Those Songs I Love" was also a splendid song and chorus number. Ed Tolliver, as Pedro Manuel, was a new and third surprise in the cast of actors and as a singer his paritone-tenor voice contains much sweetness. His conception of the Mexican character was excellent and he can be re-

SALEM TUTT WHITNEY.

garded as a new find. Will Dixon, who played Mayor Jinks, acquitted himself with care and intelligence. The selection for a comedy character of a crippled soldier does not appeal to the highest type of intellectual propriety. Its sympathy is too sacred, and no matter how much humor there is the character is still deterred by sarcasm. I had formerly criticized a similar character of this kind by the same author in another company and production. Alfred Strauder as Eph Snow was a good actor, as was J. C. Wright and Frank Jockson. The Indian chief character of Richard Puggsley was something of a novelty and well enacted, and the other male members, W. Blaine Watters, Fred Redaurt, Johtn Wilson and Mr. Wooten, acquitted themselves with credit. Miss Ethel Marshall, the leading soubret, as the village belle displayed intelligence and looked and acted well. "Good-night, Marie" was a serenade in which she was assisted by the quartet. In this number Miss Marshall displayed a soprano voice that is flexible and rich in the middle and upper register. Her lower tones were thin in timber, but will develop with practice, and even at that she is the prima donna I have heard in musical comedy this season. Miss Maybelle Brown as Pocahontas was a most realistic Indian squaw and her vocal and dramatic work was in keeping with the higher artistic qualifications of the male stars of this company. Miss Babe Brown as a suffraget flavored the female situation with the usual spice of womanly manliness, and Grace Neff was also proficient in a nicely-conceived character. Nida Marshall, Goldie Chappelle, Hattie Akers, Julia Gideon, Cleo Mitchell and Belle May were also attractive members. The chorus, which consisted of all pretty girls, was perfectly drilled and the grouping of the ensemble scenes was picturesque. This company, if we are to judge it as a whole, is simply a big city attraction that could be easily augmented for the first-class theaters of the North without any trouble and probably take first rank. Every measure in the ensemble, solo, chorus and comic music is richly decorated with tuneful melody of the Cole & Johnson order, which shows that Messrs. Whitney, Corwell and Tutt not only have the idea and knowledge of what a first-class musical production should be, but have actually proved it by practice, which now safely establishes their ability and position for the future. The general tone of the company as artists, the high moral standing of the women and the uniform rank and good behavior of the people are things that are of the strongest indorsement. It is no wonder that the management took pride and found special delight in calling the best recognized musical and dramatic press representative to pass judgment on the performance. And it is this high intellectual standard of cordiality which this class of managers and producers now maintain, in submitting a production that would elicit constructive criticism from an honest, capable judge, that will continue to build up the colored stage profession as a credit to themselves and the race to which they belong. In this respect Salem Tutt Whitney, who is colored and educated, and T. L. Corwell, who is white and comes from a country that places no value no color, have both collectively set a great example before the musical and dramatic profession. If Hurtog and Seamon had valued the ability of George W. Walker and Jesse A. Shipp above their own limited knowledge and greed they would have today been starring Bert A. Williams in the finest successful Shipp production in the country. It is only by the death of valuable star-producers and the lack of ability in white and colored managers that the colored profession has lost out. It is not in the actors. All they need is general directors. And while the moving picture houses have decreased the general support of legitimate theaters, yet the colored profession should not fall behind the ratio percentage of their former prestige and popularity. What is needed is brains and quality of the right kind and these two essentials will bring in the money. And it is these two traits of character which have now been indicated in Messrs. Whitney and Corwell that will be a strong pillow in the refuge of safety in the Negro stage population. If there are any readers who think for a moment that these men were four-flushers in carefully planning a banquet for a traditional judge of their work, in a palace dining room, where no Negro short of a Booker T. Washington would dare to tread, they are mistaken. These men were proud of their work and wanted it capably crditicized. They were willing to pay carfare and board at a lavish expense to be judged, and judgment has been passed, and if the verdict had been adverse they are not the quality of men who would have retaliated, but, like Ernest Hogan, they would have continued to work on until they reached the goal of lasting reward, as only Hogan did—without retaliation. And the critic, poor little fellow, he looks small and feels small, basking in a large capacity. And it is the same with the Southern Smart Set manager and star, who looked so small yesterday, but today we discover them to be at least, theatrically, very large. The company travels in one of the finest-equipped and cleanest cars on the road. The executive staff: T. L. Corwell, manager; J. Martin Free, assistant manager; S. T. Whitney, amusement director; Homer Tutt, stage manager; Henry Watterson, musical director; Bus Williams, trap drummer; Lawrence Williams, properties.

HOMER TUTT

PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

(By "Artie.")

The nation's capital is holding its own as a theatrical center.

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Lew Henry is writing a history of "The Negro on the Stage." Henry was not a member of the original Callender's Georgia Minstrels, but he knows all about the fellows who were and has kept "tab" on the artists that have followed them.

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Miss Florine M. Tyson handles the tickets in effective fashion in the box office of the Howard and is called "the sunshine of Avenue T."

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Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman's illuminated slide, showing her "Hair Vim" advertisement, is always greeted with a burst of applause—a proof of the virtue of the remedy, no doubt, by the grateful users thereof.

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Ford Thompson Dabney, proprietor of Dabney's theater, was married a few evenings ago to Mrs. Martha Davis Gans, widow of the late champion lightweight, Joe Gans. Mr. and Mrs. Dabney will make their home at the Goldfield hotel in Baltimore, and may open a theater in that fruitful field.

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Word comes that those brilliant "Ginger Girls," Effie King and Lottie Gee, are working on the "big time" in and about New York City. They are artists of the first rank and richly merit the success they are achieving. A date at Hammerstein's is an early expectation.

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Miss Jean Kelly's testimonial is set for Metropolitan A. M. E. church, April 4. Miss Abbie Mitchell, who will be Miss Kelly's chief support, is already here. H. Leonard Jeterm, 'cellist; Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, baritone; Miss Lydia McClane, contralto; and R. Henri Robinson, basso, will also apear.

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The musicale, under the direction of Mr. Harry A. Williams, of the Washington Conservatory of Music, drew a fashionable audience last Friday evening that filled the Howard theater from pit to dome. The program was fine and the dancing specialty, directed by Miss Theresa Lee, was highly artistic. Mrs. Harriet Gibbs Marshall is being warmly congratulated over the success of her pupils.

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A "soap box" minstrel show by high-class local talent is talked of.

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That talented comedian, monologist and jokesmith, T. Spencer Finley, has "come back"—to town, and is making the fur and buttons fly at the Foraker and other houses.

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There is a big chance for the right man at the now "dark" Minnehaha theater on You street, the principal colored thoroughfare in the city. It was a money-maker under the management of A. J. Thomas.

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Miss Irene Parker joined the "Dixie Players" last week.

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Mr. Rufus G. Byars is the official orator of the Howard theater. He is sometimes assisted as "introducer" by Col. R. W. Thompson, the well-known newspaper man. The pair of them make an invincible team in the "salve" line.

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Tom Lemonier, the talented comedian and song writer, will be with W. A. Brady's "Over Night" company, which appears next week at Belasco's. He plays the role of the funny steward on board the Hendrik Hudson—said to be a "fat part." Lemonier will be remembered as one of the Williams and Walker aggregation in other days. He has written some catchy songs, many of which have been brought into prominence by Bert Williams' unique rendition of them.

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Manager A. J. Jenkins, of the Howard, is a keen observer of men and things. He takes no stock in the complaint that "Washington audiences are cold and unresponsive—that the people here are hard to please and do not appreciate Negro talent." He points out the immense audiences that have greeted such artists as Aida Overton Walker, "My Friend From Dixie," "The Smart Set," and other standard attractions, which indicate that the people will turn out and give our actors a "big hand" if they can deliver the goods. Not infrequently competent performers remain here from six to twelve weeks, going from house to house, and leave with a pocket full of money. They have no fault to find with their treatment. "Usually the folks who kick about the people and knock the manager, are 'barnstormers' who cannot put anything over of class. Lacking in originality or ability to catch the popular eye or ear, they fail to 'make good,' and are anxious to shift the blame on somebody else's shoulders." Manager Thomas is always ready to encourage a Negro performer and never fails to accord each and every-one a square deal. That is his reputation among those who know him. He accepts every situation philosophically and "just keeps on keeping on."

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, Washington queen of tragedy, presented W. Edgar Easton's "Christophe" Thursday night at Lenox Casino, New York City, for the first time on any stage. The audience was large and there were many evidences of appreciation. Miss Davis an d R. Henri Strango fairly divided honors in the stellar roles. Miss Davis is spending a few days here preparatory to sailing for Jamaica for a series of dramatic recitals, under the management of Prof. T. Ellis Jackson. She opens Easter Monday at Kingston.

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Miss Bessie Oliver has closed with Reginald DeKoven's "A Wedding Trip," and is resting for a brief period with her mother in New York City.

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Will A. Cook, the "tramp detective," of the Black Patti Troubadours, is writing an elaborate musical comedy on new lines, based upon the story of the war in Tripoli between Turkey and Italy. Mr. Cooke is an Indianian.

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Lawyer N. R. Harper's clever play, "Tallaboo," is holding the boards this week at the Howard, under the patronage of Mrs. A. M. Curtis.

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The managers of the "Walker-Hogan-Cole theater in New York City are being roundly "roasted" by the press all over the country for selecting such a clumsy and unwieldly title. In all probability a change will be made.

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The Chelsea, which has labored under a "hoodoo" until recently, has passed into the hands of Adams and Beverly. They are putting on a good show and drawing crowds. They seem to have banished the "jinx."

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The secret of Sylvester Russell's pugnacity is out. The great critic, actor and singer was born on St. Patrick's Day.

Black Patti Needs a New Play.

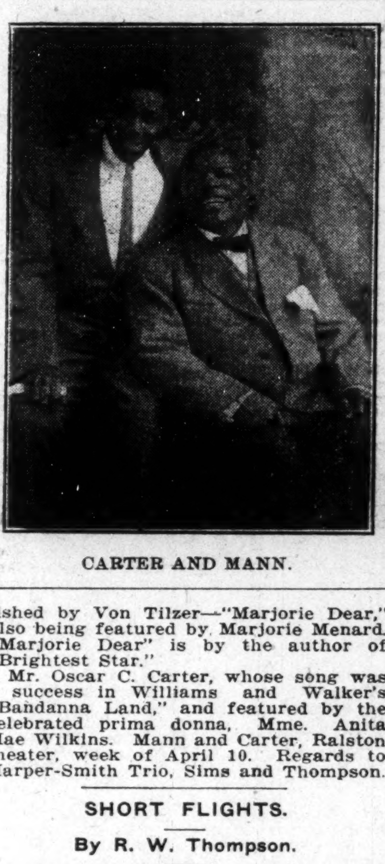
"Black Patti" is still undisputed "queen of song" in the Negro race, and everybody here is proud of her. She has brought dignity and character to the stage. She is the pioneer that blazed the pathway from the local choir to grand opera for the colored singer, and proved that stage life could be made clean and wholesome, if there is a disposition on the part of the woman herself to travel the right road and command respect. She has opened the door of opportunity to the ambitious young Negro performer of all types. Nearly every one of the stars, living and dead, has at some time or other, been numbered as a member of "Black Patti's Troubadours," which has been in the field since the memory of man runneth to the contrary. She has worked hard, and has won her way upward by sheer merit and the courage to triumph over difficulties, without unnecessary fret and worry. All this is to say that Mme. Sissieretta Jones herself, is "all right;" but she must have a new play. "A Trip to Africa" has been seen here and elsewhere, in various guises and under various aliases, with such distressing frequency that the suffering public is on the verge of declaring that "somebody has got to quit kickin' this houn' dog around."

No blame is attached to Mme. Jones, whose delightful budget of songs furnish the best entertainment that comes here in any given year, but this jolt is for Manager Voelckel, who does not seem to perceive the wisdom of separating himself from a handful of our coin to pay a first-class playwright to get up something new for his capable people, and give his patrons a run for their money. We have the artists and we have the writers. 'Black Patti" deserves a stronger setting for her work, and the players need situations that are not only new, but which enable them to display the talent that they really possess, and to show that they are on a par with the best of their white contemporaries, who travel with such liberal managers as Florenz Ziegfeld, Barton and Wiswell, etc.

Will Cooke, Julius Glenn, Tillie Seguin, and others are clever performers, but they must have ample vehicles to bring their light from beneath the bushel. Will Manager Voelckel accept this little hint in the spirit that it is offered?

CARTER AND MANN.

Oscar C. Carter and Thomas T. Mann have been burning up the West Side and South Side theaters. This week at the Monroe theater. Act was such a success, booked for another week. Thomas T. Mann hails from Philadelphia. He is a No. 1, good straight; resembling the late Geo. W. Walker, and whose singing is the feature of the act. He took five encores Monday evening, featuring the song hit of the season—published by Von Tilzer—"Marjorie Dear," also being featured by Marjorie Menard. "Marjorie Dear" is by the author of "Brightest Star."


CARTER AND MANN.

Mr. Oscar C. Carter, whose song was a success in Williams and Walker's "Bandanna Land," and featured by the celebrated prima donna, Mme. Anita Mae Wilkins. Mann and Carter, Ralston theater, week of April 10. Regards to Harper-Smith Trio, Sims and Thompson.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

By R. W. Thompson.

Dr. C. V. Roman is far and away the leader in the race for the editorship of the A. M. E. Church Review. He is a ripe scholar, a writer of force and brilliance and has had large practical experience in the editorial chair. For more than a century Dr. Roman has meen an active factor in the development of the A. M. E. Church. He is familiar with the history, policy and doctrines of the church and is, therefore, exceptionally well prepared to defend the faith that is within him and his co-workers. Dr. Roman should be chosen editor of the A. M. E. Church Review on the first ballot.

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The proposed Walker-Hogan-Cole Theater in New York Citq is handicapped by too much name. Any one of the three great factors might have fittingly furnished a title for a playhouse dedicated to Negro art, but to use all three in the cumberson fashion adopted is "piling Pelion upon Ossa," as it were. The Johnson Amusement Company will make a serious mistake if it sticks to the choice announced. Name it after George Walker, Ernest Hogan or Bob Cole, but not for all of them. Other theaters in time will be established to honor the stars not selected by this corporation. The general public, having little time in which to call out elongated names, moves for reconsideration.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. E. L. Preston fell and dislocated her leg——Mr. P. S. Carreal has been on the sick list——Mr. and Mrs. Don Hurbart are both on the sick list——The Freeman was greatly appreciated Sunday. Every one seems to like The Freeman——Mrs. Freenzella Vonn returns Saturday from Kansas City——Rev. Jas. A. Johnson carried out a big rally Sunday at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. H. C. Coldwell preached Sunday evening to a crowded house. Rev. Jas. A. Johnson raised $101.27. Sunday school was well attended for the first time in six weeks, owing to the bad weather during that time——Mrs. Geo. Blakely returns to the city Saturday. Thursday night a meeting of the colored people of the city was held and a Roosevelt Republican Club was organized....Mrs. Jim Cherry is on the sick list——See Griffin at the Star Barber Shop for The Freeman every Saturday.

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Mr. J. Grayton and Mr. J. Clark were highly entertained at Mrs. Paul Hailey's residence on Clay street with a Sunday dinner. Mr. Grayton is a finished nurse of the Battle Creek sanitarium. He is now waiting on Dr. Booker T. Washington, of Tuekegee, Ala. He arrived here Sunday, March 17, from Chicago, for a short visit with a few friends and returned at 10:10 a. m., for Chicago, where he will join Mr. Washington for Birmingham, Ala....One of our oldest and highly respected citizens, Chas. Williams, of 48 Warren and Oak streets, was suddenly taken with an attack of hemorrhage Sunday morning. The family and friends are rejoicing at this date, because of a great improvement....Mrs. Ande Perkins, of South Washington street, has been suffering a very severe attack of la grippe, but is once more able to be about the house with her family......Mrs. Harry Evans, of Clyde street, slipped on the ice, and fell heir to a sprained ankle, and after two weeks is now able to walk about some....Mr. and Mrs. David Walker are now residing in their new home on Fox street....Mrs. James Merrill, of Aldred street, is suffering from a severe attack of the grippe.......Everybody smiled cheerfully when they learned that The Freeman's are here now. Have your nickels ready for The Freeman. Phone your items, to 1065-J.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH.

SPORTING NEWS.

Albert Toney, of Dwight, Ill., says that he has a chance to play ball with the All-Nations team of Chicago this season. He will be the only Negro on the team. A Jap, an Indian and a Chinese are among the makeup. The aggregation is considered a great drawing card and one of the best semi-pro teams in the State.

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The Memphis Colored Baseball Park Association will open at their beautiful park, Fay avenue and Florida street, Easter Sunday, April 7, 1912. The manager has booked some of the best teams from all over the country, so the fans can get their money's worth. The park will be open for all picnics—church picnics free—and we will assure you that there will be the best of order kept. Do not fail to come out Easter Sunday, for we are booked to play the Quapaw of Little Rock or the Cairo team. James Calloway, manager, 184 Vance avenue.

JEFFRIES WILL COME BACK (?)

Will Try to Regain His Laurels—Burns Will Also Try for Lost Glory—Jack Johnson Getting to Be a Social Lion.

(By Biily Lewis.)

Jeffries is smarting under the drubbing given him by Jack Johnson. And it is quite the natural thing for men to feel defeat keenly. Under ordinary circumstances the thing goes hard enough, not to think of the very extraordinary circumstances under which Jim Jeffries lost his title. Leaving the money phase aside, perhaps no circumstances that could be thought of would be more humiliating than those in the case of Johnson versus Jeffries.

Jim says that he will begin at the beginning—in fact has already begun. He will attempt to reorganize the physical man, a possible thing for one of his age, being considerably less than 40, that happy middle of life where science and physical strength should be supplemental. The individual should be at his best in the fighting business. Renewal to some extent is not impossible. The rest cure, the water cure and the assistance of simple remedies can work wonders when there is anything left to work on. And then there is the superhuman determination, born of chagrin and defeat, to be added. All these in the right parts and man is fitted to battle with the gods.

Jeffries will be extremely systematic. He will begin his career over—the "novum organum," to use the term of Bacon. He will take on the smaller men, then gradually move upwards until he has exhausted the total output of white hopes, leaving him a clear field to meet his eminence Mr. Jack Johnson, champion. It sounds like a fairy tale, but at that it is in the realms of reason. Viewing it from his angle, the game is worth the candle.

"The first, the last, the best—
The Cincinnatus of the West."

The world will pause a moment to hear *the result* of such heroism. And should *the gods* of chance direct fortune his way—then sing, heavenly muse, and the rest of it—but will it be? Can it be?

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There is a mania for coming back. The big Caucasians are tired of the one name, Ethiopia, filling all the land. Tommy Burns, whom Johnson met on the other side of the world and uncrowned him as a knight of old "unlanced" his opponent. Tommy is also writhing in defeat, and is chagrined at the failure of men of his race to qualify against the big black man. also threatens to come back. John is as truly a king as who one wields a scepter. He talks and the whole round world must listen. It must obey or bring about pugilistic chaos—anarchy. Yet the honor and distinction is competitive—no divine right. If Burns wins he is king. If Jeffries can win he is king—or Morris, Palzer or Flynn. And that very fact, that they know it is up to them, is the cause of the anguish and gnashing of teeth—a kind of helpless rage.

Johnson heard about the Burns challenge, but he does not think he is serious. It stands to reason that he is serious. The chance would be an opportunity. Two defeats would not be more disastrous to his reputation than one. He would have one chance in one hundred, perhaps, of winning. The little wheel might roll the one time in his favor. Then the money end is inducing. Our wounded honor and dignity is sometimes most satisfactorily salved when the old panacea passes around in sufficient quantities. Burns no doubt can be made to see it that way and thus easily conclude that he has everything to gain in fighting Johnson and nothing to lose.

Burns, from his exhibition in Australia, will not make the showing Jeffries will make with Jack Johnson. However, all of them are just as old, relatively, as when they fought, hence the thing of age can not be urged. Activity is in Johnson's favor. But, to begin with, he is simply another bull in strength. True enough, bulls have been done up by men, but it was done by skill. Skill to outpoint Johnson is the only hope.

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Jack Johnson is beginning to show up in the limelight as a social lion. And he seems to like that kind of thing. When I called on him in this city (Indianapolis), he reminded me of a politician of distinction, a congresman or some other dignitary. I should have said that he impressed me as being very young, but over grown. He talked well when he did not venture too far out. Once or twice he exceeded his limitations, but ordinarily the thing would not have been observed. But I was there to know all about Jack Johnson, even to his unbuttoned shoes, which I presume were hastily put on.

But, speaking of his social inclinations, I think Johnson rather likes society. In Indianapolis, however, things were on a slow drag somehow. Perhaps it was owing to a misunderstanding between himself and some others when he was here before. At that time the boys were bent on doing their best, but a hitch of some kind came about and it was all off.

In Louisville he struck a better gait. This may be due to the fact that he had never been there before. At any rate he went big. Mr. A. B. McAfee, of social distinction, saw to it that, in a social way, the champion had every attention. At the banquet a number of the choice sports of that hospitable city drew up to the festive board and made merry hours, and speech grew eloquent as the night sped away. Every man "stacked" his voice as mailed hands in pledge of faith, respect and loyalty, as to the liege lord of an ancient demesne. Amid them towered the bronzed Viking—or as some modern Saul—"ruling" because he was who he was. And he was right glad that he went—feeling, as Caesar exclaimed, Teni, Vidi, Vici!

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In Cincinnati the ice was again broken and Johnson entered on a round of pleasure as well as "war." Dabney, a writer for a publication of that city, says:

"Wednesday night the Alpha Lodge of Elks gave a banquet in honor of their brother, "Jack" Johnson, and his wife. A large number of citizens assembled in the reception room, where Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were introduced to the members and their wives, after which they adjourned to the banquet hall. An elaborate menu was arranged and served by Mr. Henry L. Davis. The seven delicious courses were enlivened by sparkling wines, brilliant conversation, the melodious melodies of a select orchestra and the spirit of cheerfulness engendered by the presence of congenial spirits. It was "a feast of reason and flow of coul." Captain Sneed was toastmaster, and after a neat speech Mr. John Arthur Johnson was called upon, and in a few sentences, tastefully arranged, conspicuous by the absence of broken English, so essentially a part of the daily newspaper reports of him, he won the immense audience, his language accentuating his gentlemanly bearing and modest demeanor. Mrs. Johnson, in response to a request, acquitted herself most creditably in a few well-chosen remarks. Her manner, dress and appearance were most prepossessing, and she easily won her way into the hearts of her auditors.

"Those who came to scoff remained to pray."

With Mr. Johnson's party also came Mr. Merrill, his announcer, and his brother, a very smooth, deep young man, who seems destined to be as great a conqueror among the fair sex as his brother "Jack" is among males.

Toasts were responded to by Dr. Colley, Hon. Sam B. Hill, F. A. B. Hall and W. P. Dabney.

The committee of arrangement, consisting of William Sanders, chairman; James Toran, secretary; Charles Benton, treasurer; Charles Randolph, John Moses, Jake Smith, Lucien Griffin and Henry L. Davis, the caterer, deserves great credit for the successful entertainment. Everything from soup to cigars was first class and formed a feast that would have delighted the epicures who made dining a work of art when Rome, the cradle of luxury, was mistress of the world.

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GOOD NEWS FROM JIM JEFFRIES

Former Heavyweight Champion Says He Will Try to Regain Lost Laurels.

CLEVELAND.—Jim Jeffries is planning to come back. But the big fellow's system, devised by himself, for coming back is different from that ever tried by any pugilist or any other athlete who ever tried to regain his lost laurels.

Jeff is preparing to begin at the beginning and get a new reputation for himself by fighting his way from the bottom to the top. He has been making his preparations in secret up in the mountains of California, but he revealed his plans to Johnny Kilbane and Manager Jimmy Dunnn when they were out on the coast.

"I am going to fight my way through the white hopes and earn the right to challenge Jack Johnson for the world's championship," Jeff told Kilbane and Dunn.

"I shall first challenge Carl Morris and Jim Stewart. When I have beaten them I intend to go after Al Palzer, whom I consider a harder proposition than either Morris or Stewart. With him out of the way I shall be entitled to send a defi to the winner of the Jack Johnson-Jim Flynn fight, which I am pretty certain will be Flynn. I know I can come back, but I want to satisfy the people that I am entitled to another show at Johnson by beating all the other aspirants."

PLAY BALL!

First Game of Season Among the Big Players—Home Team Workout in Coliseum.

"Play ball!" was the welcome sound to the fans of this city and to many of the staid old conservatives last Saturday—meaning the season is open and that something may be expected to be doing along that line until the frost is on the pumpkins. The same old enthusiasm is on hand, and more, if anything. It will keep up if the home fellows make a noise like pennant winners. The management is very hopeful in view of several new recruits who promise to pan out to the good.

Brooklyn was up from the South, where they had been for their tryout last Saturday. They took on the Indians, as the Indianapolis team is known in the parlance of the game. The New York fellows were considered in pretty good shape, owing to their practice under clear skies.

We have been enjoying rain and clouds and sundries of the Celestial regions to such an extent that the rain of forty days and nights came to mind very often, doubtless.

Even old Sol. seems to care for the great national game. He absolutely refused to shine during the great auto exhibit, but just as some one said baseball—peaches. Little cool and wet, but the sun did its part. It came right out and shone.

This is what was said of the two teams as to their readiness:

"The Indians, of course, will go into their first game without having had the semblance of a trial at team work, hitting and throwing, but Manager Jimmy feels it is just as well to go up against the real thing right off the reel, since the work the Indians have been able to get has put them in good physical condition. The Brooklyn team, with the advantage of the training at Hot Springs and two games at Louisville, is in shape for real baseball now, but Manager Jimmy has some young pitchers who have cold weather arms and Dahlens' team will not have a walkaway.

Hunter, Williams and Gagnier will start the game at their infield positions, with Alcock and Wentz alternating at third base. Pearce and Ritter will be behind the bat and McCarty and Flannagan will get an opportunity to show in the outfield with Woodruff and Hallman. There are two things Burke is anxious to learn and that is the hitting ability and the throwing ability of some of these youngsters and he will give them a test as soon as possible."

The lineup and batting order:

Indianapolis—Wentz, Alcock, 3b; Woodruff, cf; Hallman, Flannigan, rf; Hunter, 1b; McCarty, lf; Gagnier, ss; Williams, Robinson, 2b; Pearce, Ritter, Donnelly, c; White, Link, Merz, p. Brooklyn—Moran, rf; Daubert, 1b; Stark, 2b; Northern, cf; Smith, 3b; Daly, lf; Reilly, ss; Erwin, Phelps, c; Knetzer, Barger, Rucker, p.

BURNS CHALLENGES JOHNSON

Former Champion Posts $1,000 for a Twenty-Round Battle.

CHICAGO.—Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion, from whom Jack Johnson won the title, is out to get it back. In a telegram the other day Burns challenged the champion and supported his claim with a $1,000 forfeit, posted with an Alberta sporting editor. Here is the challenge:

"Jack Johnson, Chicago—I challenge you for a twenty-round battle to be fought at any place you may name, but I prefer Alberta, on Labor Day. If you don't want to fight me I will take your place in July in your fight with Jim Flynn, providing that you sign articles and post a forfeit that if I best Flynn you will agree to meet me. I will also bet you my end of the purse in the Flynn fight that I win.

"TOMMY BURNS."

Burns' challenge came only after he was told that Johnson did not believe that he (Burns) was not serious in his demand to meet the Negro.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Memphis Giants have organized for the season of 1912 with a strong bunch of ball players, headed by W. S. Hunt as manager and James Calloway as owner. The Giants are ready for first-class ball games. The Giants will open the season April 7 with Little Rock. Other games scheduled are with Cairo, Ill., and the Kansas City Royal Giants, of Kansas City, Mo. Headquarters are at 184 Vance avenue, Memphis, Tenn. As Mr. Hunt could not agree with the Tigers' Baseball Club he desired to take the Giants, as the Giants have the leading ball park for colored players in Memphis. Their park has car service to the gate, while the other park is a half mile from the car line. The Giants' park is at Fay avenue and Florida street. All clubs wishing games please notify W. S. Hunt, 184 Vance avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

POLITICAL SITUATION TAKEN FROM "THE BOYS" COMING INTO THEIR OWN.

(By J. H. McConico.)

Dating back for many years, the dove of peace has hovered over the tents of Shelby County, Tenn., Republicans. This "The Hague" like calm has been brought about by the fact that the "Black and Tan" wing of the party have stood by and allowed the "Lily Whites" to do as they chose. However, it is a lane that has no end and when the Shelby County Republican Convention assembled at high noon February 14, 1912, the Republicans who knew no race or color, rose up enmasse and overthrew the "Lily White" dynasty.

Yesterday and Now.

In by-gone days, the Negro Republicans of Shelby county have represented little more than a band of warring and confusing elements. The Negro wing of the party has been dominated and overridden by unscrupulous leaders and have been made the victim of all classes of political tricksters. For the past several years, conditions have been changing and a new element of red blooded young men, headed by such young men of ability as R. R. Church, Jr., and H. H. Pace, have forged to the front and quietly took the reigns in hand. H. H. Pace, cashier of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Co., and Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of the World, two years ago organized the Colored Citizens Association, a social and political club. This club, in a measure has been the entering wedge and served as a center in which the voters of the county have been gathered and set upon their feet. From its incipiency, the club opened up a campaign of education and taught the negro voters the sacredness and value of the ballot. So well did it do its work and stir up interest, that in the last municipal election, the records show 5,000 registered negro voters—something before unheard of. This showing naturally made the negro voter the cynosure in all political candidates' eyes. As usual, the fellow with the oily tongue and suave manners came around to corner and deliver the negro vote by the poll tax, cigar and whiskey route. He found a Pharoah on the throne that did not know Joseph. In the municipal election the negroes made their demands, went on record for clean honest government, and having the balance of power, won out.

The Cause of War.

The negroes having tasted the sweets of united effort, decided to take a little more interest in Republican politics in the county other than furnishing 95 per cent. of the votes on election day. Accordingly, a committee composed of J. C. Martin, J. T. Settle, H. H. Pace, R. R. Church, Jr., T. H. Hayes and R. G. Martin, called upon the Hon. L. W. Dutro, postmaster of Memphis and Political Boss of West Tennessee. They informed him that the race desired to elect a few representative negroes as delegates to the Republican county and state conventions. They further stated that thenegroes had no desire or disposition to override and relegate the whites but simply wanted some representation and consideration. The erstwhile Republican boss informed them that the best interests of the party demanded that the negro not only be denied the privilege of serving as a delegate but that he even not appear as a spectator in the convention hall. The negro committee did not see it this way. They decided that if there had to be war, this was a just cause. R. R. Church, Jr., went to the chairman of the Executive Committee and told him that the negroes were disposed to deal fairly with them, but if the whites persisted in taking everything in the sight that the negroes would turn out to the polls 5,000 strong and elect a solid black delegation to both the county and state conventions. He further assured him that he would carry them if he had to defray the expenses. This argument placed matters in a position to be "discussed." Chairman H. O. True is a Republican of the right stripe but he was surrounded by an executive committee made up of the post office ring and "Lily Whites" of the first water. He asked Mr. Church what the negroes would be satisfied with? Mr. Church informed him that nothing less than five delegates, the secretaryship and representation on all the committees would be accepted. This was perfectly agreeable to Chairman True and other white Republicans of broad minds. The "Lily Whites," the majority of whom draw their pay from the U. S. Government, could not stand for it. They felt themselves an avenging angel to drive the negroes from the party of their fathers.

Trickery and Deception.

February 12, 1912, dawned as the day to elect delegates to the County Republican Convention. In the precincts where the negroes had the voting strength, the "Lily Whites" slipped around in the rear of some saloon or grocery store and went through the form of an election. They had their steam roller hidden in the county executive committee, the body which passed on and made up the roll of delegates. The negroes rallied to the polls and elected their men. Every negro delegate-elect was met in the executive committee with a contest. The committee at once threw out the negro delegates and seated the whites. The negroes knew what was going on and did not get alarmed. Feb. 14, 1912, the day for the county convention arrived. Long before the appointed hour, more than 500 negroes packed the hall. This was a sight that was never seen in Shelby county before. All of the men were young, well dressed, intelligent and agressive. The "Lily Whites" followed by a number of policemen entered the hall. Their leader yelled to the policemen, "Make these Negroes get back and give the white men seats." Chairman True waved the officers back and told them that the Negroes here were taxpayers, law-abiding and registered voters, and did not require such methods of handling. The Lily Whites planned that they were dealing with the old-time Negro, who could not stand still and look at an officer's club. This was really the new Negro. The Negroes had selected the veteran lawyer and politician, Hon. J. T. Settle, as their floor leader. The "Lily White" executive committee reported on the roll of delegates. Just as soon as the question was presented to the convention, Mr. Settle arose and attacked the report and the methods of the committee. He never acquitted himself better. His sarcasm and invective cut like a two-edged sword. He ridiculed the committee for trampling all precedent under their feet by hearing and deciding election contests without examining witnesses or hearing evidence of any kind. His speech was the gem of the convention. When he finished, the Lily Whites were on the retreat. The convention rejected the report of the committee by a ten to one vote. The next move of the gang was to intimidate and coerce the chairman into doing their bidding. Failing in this, they made an effort to throw him bodily from the platform and put one of their clan in his place. This was another move to excite and get the Negroes panic-stricken and clear them out of the hall. A riot was precipitated, but every man stood his ground, and after order was restored, the Negroes and Chairman True were still in possession of the convention. The meeting settled down to business, and Hon. C. B. Quinn, a big, broad-hearted white man, was elected permanent chairman. H. H. Pace, one of the leading young men of the Negro race, was elected secretary. No Negro has held an office in the party organization in Shelby county before in forty years. The Negroes were given representation on all of the committees, and the following Negroes were elected as delegates to the Republican State Convention: T. S. Brown, H. H. Pace, J. T. Settle, T. H. Hayes, R. R. Church, Jr., B. F. Booth.

Alternates—A. N. Kittrell, John H. Grant, J. J. Scott, J. C. Martin, E. R. Bynum, J. A. Lindsey.

A new county executive committee was formed and the following Negroes appointed as members: T. H. Hayes, W. A. Locke, R. R. Church, Jr., O. W. Williams, H. H. Pace, J. W. Jordan, J. T. Settle, B. F. Booth, J. L. Scott.

The Lily Whites bolted the meeting and organized a rump convention. Delegates were elected, etc., and they plan to carry a contesting delegation to the State convention. There they will be met by R. R. Church, Jr., H. H. Pace and J. T. Settle. The Negroes' fighting blood has been aroused, and they do not purpose to stop this side of the Chicago meeting.

NEGRO AS A FARMER.

The census for 1910 shows that there has been a proportionately larger increase in the Negro than in the white farmers in the Southern States. I do not intend to suggest that this fact by itself is of any great importance. The real significance of this increase in the number and proportion of Negro farmers is that it has gone along with an enormous development of Southern agriculture as a whole.

There has been, for example, an increase of $4,034,483,000 in the total values of farm lands and buildings during the last ten years, and an increase of $112,284,000 in the value of farm machinery. The South is spending $45,233,000 more for farm labor and $46,144,000 more for fertilizers in 1910 than it did in 1900. While there has been a very large decrease in the farm acreage in the South, due principally to the fact that hundreds of thousands of acres of mountain, timber and swamp land, reported as farms in 1900 and used to some extent for grazing purposes, were not reported as farms in 1910. At the same time there has been an increase of 24,058,000 acres in the amount of improved land, and an average decrease of from fifteen to thirty acres in the size of farms. The decrease has been fifteen acres for farms in the South Atlantic and thirty for farms in the South Central States. Both these facts indicate a more intensive and higher type of farming; incidate, in short, that farmers were putting more labor and more intelligence into the cultivation of the soil in 1910 than they did in 1900.—Booker T. Washington in North American Review.

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Mrs. Geo. A. Sissell, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mrs. Irene Bagby.

Mrs. Louise Craig was called from Chicago, Ill., on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Elwood C. Knox.

Rev. Samuel Ferguson and Mr. Geo. L. Knox were entertained by Mr. Thomas Curtis during the Indiana District M. E. Conference, which was held in Columbus, Ohio, last week.

Frank A. B. Hall, detective, of Cincincinnati, was in the city Thursday. He came to take Jesse Dearman, who is charged with murder, back to Cincinnati. Mr. Hall is a correspondent of The Freeman.

Gethsemane Commandery No. 14, Knight Templars, will hold Easter services at the Presbyterian church, Fourteenth street and Senate avenue, Sunday evening at 7.30. Rev. Dr. Weaver, pastor. J. W. Dawson, B. C.

Rev. H. A. Foreman, of St. Mark M. E. church, Chicago, assigned to Simpson Chapel by the conference at Columbus, Ohio, will preach his first sermon Sunday morning. Rev. Tate goes to Evansville, Ind.

SOCIETIES MEET.

The second quarterly mass meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the A. M. E. Zion churches in the Indianapolis district was held at Caldwell Chapel, Thursday, March 28. Mrs. Mary E. Thompson and Mrs. Marie E. Rowan presided. Next meeting will be June 24, at St. Mark's Temple.

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Offertory—"At the Cross'......B. Winn
Mrs. E. Sykes.
Retrocessional — "At the Lamb's High Feast"..................
Dr. Leo M. Lakas and Choir.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

On Sundaly, April 14, the Y. M. C. A. will hold another large public meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist church, at which time a speaker of note will be present, and the membership of the association will turn out in a body headed by their own band, which will make its first appearance in its new uniforms. Everybody is welcome to this meeting—men, women and children.

A special effort is being put forward at this time in the collection of the building fund subscriptions in order that a sufficient amount of money can be secured to warrant the letting of contracts. All persons whose subscriptions are due and any who can pay their subscriptions in advance are urged to do so at once, as it will help materially in the work of the committee.

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John H. Sweeney, one of the best-known and most respected colored citizens of Indianapolis, died Tuesday morning at his home, 1114 Fayette street, after a protracted illness. He was 67 years old, and came here forty-five years ago from Springfield, Ky. For thirty-five years he was in the employ of the Indianapolis Journal and its successor, the Indianapolis Star. Mr. Sweeney was one of the pillars of Bethel A. M. E. church, having been a member and official in it forty years. He was also a member of the Garrett Smith Lodge of Odd Fellows No. 1707, the Household of Ruth No. 672 and of the Sisters of Charity No. 1.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Iwa Sweeney; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Fisher, of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, of this city; two sons, Charles and William, of Chicago and Denver, respectively, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Buckner, of Louisville, and Mrs. Kate Milliken, of this city. The Rev. T. A. Smythe officiated at the funeral, which was held at Bethel A. M. E. church. The burial was at Crown Hill cemetery.

George C. Hitt, for several years connected with the Indianapolis Journal, where he learned to know Mr. Sweeney well, paid him a high tribute.

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MINISTERS APPOINTED.

Indiana District M. E. Conference, Rev. G. R. Bryant, D. D., Superintendent.

Following are the appointments made by the Indiana District Conference, held last week at Columbus, Ohio:

Anderson—F. P. Robinson.
Bloomington—S. H. Furgerson.
Boonville—B. H. Williams.
Browns, Ill.—A. Barns (sup.).
Cannelton and Tell City—H. A. Smith.
Chicago, Ill.—(Scott) H. M. Carroll; (St. Mark) J. W. Robinson.
Connersville—D. H. V. Purnell.
Evansville—H. W. Tate.
Greenfield—H. Dupee (sup.).
Indianapolis—(Barns) T. R. Prentiss; (Scott) T. T. Carpenter; (Simpson) H. A. Foreman.
Jeffersonville—(Simms) Geo. Hodge (sup.); (Wesley) H. W. Simmons.
Madison—E. R. Lewis.
Muncie—S. P. Asher.
Newcastle—H. H. Hinton.
Newbury and Rockport—E. W. White (sup.).
North Vernon—Chas. Jones.
Princeton—James Allen.
Rushville—W. S. Rollins.
Shelbyville—Wesley Singleton.
Terre Haute—(Merriils) Wesley Williams (sup.); (Saulters) I. F. White.
Watson Circuit—James Bowren.

Maysville District—Rev. J. S. Bailey, superintendent.

Augusta—B. J. Coleman.
Aberdeen, Dover, Manchester, O.—Charles Rice.
Covington—E. A. White.
Cynthiana and Lair—E. A. Driver.
Falmouth and Boyd—E. D. Miller.
Flemingsburg—W. E. Stovall.
Germantown and North Fork—W. A. Hinton.
Louisa, Clay City and Ironton, O.—J. H. Saunders.
Mayslick and Plantsville—J. W. White.
Maysville—J. L. Franklin.
Mt. Olivet—Mark Hawkins.
Mt. Sterling—J. S. Henry.
Moorefield—H. P. Evans.
Orangeburg, Tolesboro and Holly—David McFarland.
Portsmouth, O.—T. R. Fletcher.
Sharpsburg—C. H. Lee.
Sherburne, Tilton and Poplar P. O.—Wm. Miles.
Washington—B. J. Ward.

Appointments for Ohio, Lexington and Louisville districts will be given next week.

RETURNS HOME.

Mr. C. J. Walker, of the Walker Mfg. Co., who left this city last November for a tour of the West and South, in the interest of the business, returned Friday after a very successful trip. While away he visited Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Mississippi. En route he had the pleasure of visiting two strictly Negro towns, Boley, Okla., and Mound Bayou, Miss. Mr. Walker's trip was cut short in the South, as pressing business demanled his attention at home. However, he has many good things to say for the two Negro towns, as they are the only two towns in the South where a Negro can breathe the breath of freedom.

EVANSVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Folden, the mother of Mrs. Eliza Boyd, is seriously ill at her daughter's home on Soodan avenue....There was quite an excitement at the corner of 8th and Main streets, caused by a runaway team of horses becoming freightened in the C. & E. yards, and running over Mrs. Alice White and Mr. Cornelius Cross, both colored, and injuring them, but they will soon recover....Mrs. Amanda Woods has been sick for some time, but is improving some....Mrs. Jennie Towles is real sick ....Mr. Hugh Stubbins is suffering seriously from a broken arm....Mrs. Bell Donahue still continues to be quite sick ....Miss Murtle Lee, of 913 South Governor street, one of our Clark street graduates, is taking a six weeks course in Terre Haute, to prepare for school work ....Mrs. Anna Mumphrey and Mrs. Mamie Coffee are able to be out again, and are the very picture of health after such severe sickness....It is quite sad to learn that Mrs. Lottie Rutter, the mother of six dear children, has become insane and has been committed to the insane asylum, leaving the poor children almost motherless....Misses Vitula Chambers and Ollie Chim have arrived home after spending their spring vacation in Indianapolis and Chicago....The spring vacation for teachers and pupils are down to business until the close of the term in June.... Mrs. Hallie Peyton has returned to her home in Chicago after a visit to her aunt Mrs. Margaret Welch, on Fifth street.... There will be a grand Easter Ball given at Evan Hall, April 9th. There are quite a number of invitations out....Miss Pearl Mundy's wedding is being looked forward to with great anticipation.... Mr. Peter Jones, the murderer of Miss Isabella King, was acquitted Saturday, as her death is thought to be accidental.... There will be a grand military dance at the U. B. of F. Hall on Canal street, April 15....The pastor of Bland avenue church has gone to attend conference.... There will be a Sunday School rally at Liberty Baptist church Easter Sunday.. ..The public is cordially invited to attend and help the Sunday School....Services were good at all of the churches Sunday....Mr. Simon Winfrey is still under the doctor's care for injuries received while stacking lumber....When wishing for something to read, get the Freeman. It is one of the best colored papers in the United States. Gives accounts of many of your homes that you would not in any other way hear of. It is a paper that any respectable and well thinking person will appreciate. Something for your visiting friends to read....Miss Tillie Austin seems to be getting along nicely and is able to be out among her friends after an illness of more than a year. Her brother, Mr. Andrew Austin, who has joined the United States army, will soon go to the Philippine Islands....Mrs. Mary McKee promises that she, with the assistance of others, will soon be ready to organize the juvenile department of the Household of Ruth and Odd Fellows.... Mrs. Blanche Easly wishes the parents of the K. of P. Court of Calanthe Juveniles to send their children to ther meetings at her home on Orr's avenue, since the weather is opening up....Soon the annual sermons will begin....Don't forget the rally given by Mt. Olive Temple No. 8 on April 9th. All temples and lodges of the U. B. of F. and S. M. T. are cordially invited to come and help them. Refreshments will be served....Mr. Jesse Pendleton is still in a critical condition at St. Mary's hospital....Mrs. Rebecca Dupee's many friends will be glad to know that she is improving nicely and has been removed to her new home.... Mr. Harrison Gradney is some better at Gilbert's Sanitarium....Tomorrow is sacrament Sunday at Liberty Baptist church, and special Easter services will be rendered....Rev. Ferguson of the Bland avenue church has gone to Columbus, Ohio, to attend conference....The missionary society of Bland avenue church met at Mrs. Nannie Men's home No. 116 Line street last Sunday....Mrs. Nannie Mens left Thursday for Morgantown for a short visit....Mr and Mrs. Ponyard, of Mulberry street are the happy parents of a bouncing boy. The mother and son are doing nicely....Mrs. Mary Nicholas will give an old folk's concert at the Bell street church for the benefit of the church, on April 15th. The public is cordially invited to attend....We are truly glad to see our people gaining in the business enterprises of which we should all, as a race, strive to help each other build upwards, but our greatest failure is that we forget our colored brother or sister and run to the other race that is opposing us on every hand, except to receive our money; still we do not help our own race. By this we are spending thousands of dollars among the other races that would help our colored enterprises. I believe in the old adage that "God helps those that help themselves." I think it is our duty to God to lend them a helping hand....Buy The Freeman from Anna E. Lenox, 1106 South Governor street....The Busy Bee Club of Liberty Baptist church had their annual banquet, celebrating their first year's service at the home of Mrs. Frances Holloway, last week, and quite a delightful time was enjoyed. The club met this week at Mrs. Mattie Potts'....There will be baptizing at Liberty Baptist church on Easter morning, after services, and the Sunday school will also render a program for Easter.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Funeral of Dr. Bolden Largely Attended—Educational Concert at St. John's Church—Other Notes.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Last Sunday as the sun began to hide itself behind the western hills all that was mortal of Rev. Dr. J. B. Bolden, pastor of the First Baptist church, of this city, was laid to rest in Belwood cemetery, where a large concourse of relatives, members and loving friends followed his remains to their last resting place. Dr. Bolden had been in failing health for some time, but none expected the end so soon as Tuesday evening of last week, when he breathed his last. He had been pastor of this large congregation for a number of years, having been called to the First Baptist church from Louisiana. A special train came in from Louisiana Sunday, on which were many representative men, who had worked with Dr. Bolden during his pastorate in that State, and the funeral, which was from his church, was one of the largest ever held in this community. The following speakers took prominent part in the funeral services: "Dr. Bolden's Work in the State of Louisiana," by Rev. T. H. Evans; "Dr. Bolden as a Citizen and Pastor in Louisiana," Prof. S. M. Twine; "Dr. Bolden as a Minister in Arkansas," Dr. J. P. Robinson; "As a Citizen of Arkansas," Revs. S. L. Woolfolk and W. B. Brownlee; "As a District Worker," Revs. D. L. Dindsley and K. Whitehead; "As a Pastor," Deacons W. S. Buffard and V. V. Green; "The Loss Our Sunday-School Has Sustained," Superintendent G. W. Broom; "The Loss to Our B. Y. P. U.," by S. F. Bass, etc. Dr. F. P. Lyles, chorister at St. John, and Chorister H. Luster, of the First Baptist, each sang impressive solos that brought tears to the eyes of all present, after which Rev. H. R. Flynn, of Shreveport, La., and Dr. E. C. Morris delivered the funeral orations. Rev. Dr. R. W. Patterson, of St. Paul Baptist church, was master of ceremonies and Rev. R. M. Rideout, of Eighth Avenue church, was musical director. In the death of Dr. Bolden the State, city and community has lost a great, good and useful servant, whose works will live in the hearts of the people for ages to come. Mr. Isaac Moore, letter carrier No. 8, is reported much improved after a serious attack of pneumonia....Hon. A. L. Burnett, district commissioner, is able to be at his office again after a brief period of illness....Hons. Ferd Havis, G. M. Donly and several other of our politicians attended the central committee meeting at Little Rock Tuesday of last week...Quite an enjoyable educational program was rendered at St. John A. M. E. church last Monday night. Profs. H. Taylor, J. B. Short and F. T. Vinegar each delivered addresses, all of which were heartily received. St. John and Eighth Avenue church choirs furnished several choice selections, and Prof. R. N. Chaney sang a solo, also Mrs. M. E. Holloway, both of which were fine. But Miss Pauline Wiley easily carried off the honors in her rendition of "The Sioux Chief's Daughter." Misses Erseline Johnson and Alma Key also came in for a share of praise for their rendition of a duet....Mrs. Hattie Tate and sweet little Myrtle are making their home in Calvert,Tex....Drop in Malcom's barber shop, 322 State street, get a smooth hair cut and shave and take home a copy of The Freeman. You and your family will enjoy reading it....Miller's Theater opened Monday night of last week. It is proving to be very popular. Look for a writeup later....Mr. Stafford, the tonsorial artist at the Masonic Temple barber shop, says his family always enjoys The Freeman....The writer had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Fryer, who is prescriptionist at the People's drug store. Dr. Fryer is a newcomer in our midst, but has made quite a number of warm friends during his brief stay here. Mr. Will Marshall, the popular trainman on the Altheimer branch of the Cotton Belt Route, is another lover of The Freeman; in fact, he assists us in spreading its circulation. Will is a jolly good fellow and has made many friends for the paper. Buy it from him also every Saturday. St. John will have a special Easter service early Sunday morning. The public is invited to attend.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The meetings of the Grandfather Clause League at the First Baptist church every Tuesday night are proving very beneficial. For the first time since they began some weeks ago ladies were permitted Tuesday night, and quite a number were on hand....Wesley Chapel church, also First Baptist, will render special programs Easter Sunday....Dr. G. W. S. Ish visited Pine Bluff last week....Mrs. Indiana C. Robinson spent a few days at Keokuk last week....Mr. Arnette Boyd, from Washington, D. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. W. O. Foster, and other relatives66Mrs. R. M. Rideout, from Pine Bluff, is in the city undergoing special treatment....Miss Mary Woolfolk, from Altheimer, is visiting relatives in the city....Mr. and Mrs. O. I. McMillan, of Texarkana, have moved to the city and are happily domiciled on Pulaski street, near West 20th. Mr. McMillan is in the mail service....Mrs. Martha Hoover, mother of Mr. Sam Hoover, head waiter at the Marion, is visiting the Hoover family on Spring street....Mrs. J. M. Barr left recently for Waco, Texas, where she has gone on a visit to relatives. Dr. Duncan, pastor of Wesley Chapel, is on the sick list this week....Mrs. Lottie McBeth, who has spent some time with relatives at Altheimer, is at home and her health is much improved....Most of the churches were rained out Sunday. Call at Foster's drug store for your drugs and take home a copy of The Freeman every Saturday....Mrs. Betty Morgan, mother of Mrs. Georgia Baskin, died Sunday evening about 7 o'clock after a long illness. The funeral arrangements have not been made at this writing. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

HENDERSON, KY.

Political, Social and Personal Items.

(By La Vetta Jones, 631 Sixth St.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Henderson county Republican convention convenes at the court house Saturday, April 6, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the district convention, which will convene here April 9. It seems that the Roosevelt forces will control the convention....The Young Men's Business League gave their bi-weekly program at the Taborian Hall, Sunday, March 31. The principal feature of the program was the "mock trial." The big K. of P. Minstrels will play a return engagement at Benevolent Hall under the auspices of Corinthian Court No. 14, O. of C....The Young Men's Business League has selected new quarters at the corner of Alves and Dixon streets. They hope to have it furnished and ready for occupancy by April 1. Rebecca Chapter, O. of E. S., held their annual Thanksgiving services at the First Baptist church....The Dunbar Literary Society of the Douglass High School held its bi-weekly meeting Friday, March 29. An excellent program was rendered....Miss Mayme E. Clay, one of the most entertaining readers of the race, will appear at the A. M. E. Zion church Wednesday, April 3....Miss Ollie Chinn, of Evansville, Ind., spent a few days in the city, the guest of Miss Theresa Hollowell....Prof. H. Francis Jones spent Saturday and Sunday in Louisville....Mrs. Robinette Powell is on the sick list. Miss Mattie O'Neal is improving slowly. Rev. P. H. ennedy was called to Terre Haute, Ind., to attend the funeral of his niece....All parents are invited to attend the spring opening at Alves Street School, April 12.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Freeman can be secured at Millers, 713 East Broadway. Phone Br. 1720L. Mrs. Berlinea Cunningham of Chicago is visiting her mother........The St. Clair Literary and Embroidery Club met at Mrs. Emma Phonder's residence last Monday evening........Hon. Ed Green and Dr. Carey of Chicago were in the city last week........ Miss Florence E. Howard of Lovejoy is improving..........Miss Sibil Hammonds of Lebanon gave a musical recital last Friday evening at the opera house........Mr. William Turner and Miss Graham were married this week..........The members of the Dixie Fashion Plate Company are reporting here for their rehearsal.......... Subscribe for The Freeman, for we are here to stay, so let us have your news...... We were pained very much to hear of the death of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ranson......The Lincoln High School Band under the direction of Prof. B. F. Broles is advancing rapidly, as was demonstrated in their concert last Friday evening......Miss Daisy O. Westbrooke, the supervisor of music, rendered a beautiful concert in her usual effective manner........ Frank Pardon, the son of Ath. Pardon, has returned from Knoxville College........ Easter programs will be rendered at all the churches next Sunday.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sunday services were grand and were largely attended by the people. The divines did their part in the delivery of their sermonettes, making a very deep impression upon the hearers. The choirs san gsweet songs to the delight of lovers of good music....The town is all aglow for the needed improvements that are being made in all lines. Property buying seems to be a great feature.....We are having great entertainments for the general benefit of the churches. The Warren A. M. E. church rally, netted $1,157.18. Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Special to readers of The Freeman: I regret to say that all local newspaper reporters were recognized at the first colored baseball game which was played here Sunday, March 24, between the Brooklyn Royal Giants, of New York, and the Pensacola Giants, of Pensacola, Fla., but I regret to say that the local representative of The Freeman was not recognized by the manager, Gold Stucker, of Pensacola, Fla.

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